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New officers fill ASUSU appointed positions

By CATHERINE MEIDELL
news editor

Erik Mikkelsen, ASUSU president-elect, appointed Jordan Hunt to the administrative assistant position and Hannah Blackburn to the public relations director position, Friday.

Zach Larsen, programming vice president-elect, appointed Kylie Martinez as Traditions director, Kellen Hansen as activities director and Marie Squyres as the arts and lectures director.

The interview and selection process spanned three days. Seven were interviewed for the public relations position while 11 were interviewed for administrative assistant. Mikkelsen and Larsen collaborated with their predecessors and

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT



HUNT

ASUSU advisers to choose students for the positions at hand. Mikkelsen said the applicants who applied created good competition for the positions, and making the final decision was no obvious task.

"Jordan is very different than I am," Mikkelsen said about his new assistant. "I feel like it will be a good balance. He had some really good ideas for next year; he wants to make sure any legislation passed is posted online."

Hunt, a sophomore majoring in

PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR



BLACKBURN

liberal arts, who is on the Government Relations Council and co-founded the Student Nutrition Access Center (SNAC), also wants to be sure ASUSU council meeting agendas are posted

online so students will be informed on upcoming discussions in case they want to get involved in them. Hunt's goal for a transparent student government matches the same sentiments Mikkelsen expressed in his campaign. "ASUSU has hired someone to update the legislation on their website and I

would make sure it stayed updated, and I would make it more user-friendly and comprehensive," he said.

Hunt said he went into his interview having done a lot of research about the duties of his position, which he believes helped him get the job. He said he will now "immerse" himself in the position by connecting

often with current administrative assistant Kennan Nuehring. Blackburn, a sophomore majoring in international business and economics,

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR



HANSEN

ARTS AND LECTURES DIRECTOR



SQUYRES

was selected because Mikkelsen was "impressed with her drive," and he feels confident in her capabilities because of her involvement on the business school's council and with LDS Institute programs.

"I want to be asked tough questions," Blackburn said. "I want people to evaluate what ASUSU is doing. I want to be open and honest, and always want to instill confidence in the students."

She said she does not believe the public relations director position has been very involved with the students, and wants to become someone students can trust so that when elections roll around they will be comfortable con-

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Fed. government may decrease student grants

By KEVIN MITCHELL
staff writer

In order to reduce national debt, the federal government is developing a plan to cut funding for many student-aid programs, including the Pell Grant, which is provided to students based on need, said Steve Sharp, USU's director of Financial Aid.

Jared Elton, a student at USU who currently receives a Pell Grant said, "It makes me worry because I count on (Pell Grants) to pay for things. It's helpful because I don't need to worry so much about paying for food, rent, working a full time job, or relying on my parents ... I can just focus on my studies which is what I need to be doing at this point in my life."

Currently, the USU Financial Aid Office has record of 8,451 students receiving benefits from the Pell Grant program presently, which is 562 more than the previous year. With the substantial increase in demand for student aid, the government is not able to live up to its previous commitments to provide any eligible student with financial aid, especially as it has not yet formulated a budget for the current year, Sharp said.

In order to compensate for the unexpected costs, federal administration has been working on a plan to renovate the student financial aid budget which will likely mean cutting funding for many major financial aid programs.

President Barack Obama has already made two basic proposals to Congress in efforts to preserve the original Pell Grant: to cut all subsidies to graduate student loans, and to cut smaller financial aid programs. Sharp said these programs could

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Military defense spending is minimal, Schmitt says

By MIKE BURNHAM
staff writer

The U.S. military needs to procure new equipment, said Gary Schmitt, director of the program on advanced strategic studies at the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy research, in his lecture "Defending Defense: Why Cutting the Defense Budget Doesn't Make Sense," Friday.

The public lecture was given in the Eccles Conference Center to a group of about 60. The event was put on by professors Peter McNamara and Anthony Peacock of the political science department and was the first of two lectures on the future of the nation in the era of globalization. The lectures

are given in conjunction with the Project on Liberty and American Constitutionalism, which is directed and co-directed by Peacock and McNamara, respectively.

Schmitt said the U.S. military is currently forced to use aging equipment that was designed and built in the '70s. Current pilots are flying the same planes their parents and grandparents flew in Vietnam, he said.

"The military now faces a recapitalization requirement at precisely the time the nation and its representatives are reluctant to spend money," he said. "For soldiers, sailors and airmen, it has become the perfect storm."

McNamara said one condition of a nation-state is that its in charge of its own defense, and Schmitt is a master of this and related topics.

"Dr. Schmitt is a very prominent commentator on national security and intelligence issues. He has a lot of experience."

In response to criticism that the military has spent too much on equipment and technology rather than things that matter most in asymmetrical warfare, such as cultural intelligence, Schmitt said this was a serious criticism, but no longer valid.

"We're American, so we're not very good at being culturally aware," he said. "The army was thought to have been the dumbest of organizations, but the truth is that the army has made a remarkable transformation. This is an institution that learned more quickly than any other major institution I know

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STUDENTS FROM MOUNT LOGAN middle school observe a science demonstration in the engineering building, Saturday. Many of these demonstrations were conducted by scientists who traveled to USU's campus from the NASA Space Center to get a variety of youth excited about a future in the science because employment in this field is in high demand. *BRANDEN FONDA photo*

NASA scientists awe students

By STEVE KENT
staff writer

NASA scientists made their way to USU Saturday to show the youth of Cache Valley the potential of careers in the science and help students see that a college career is possible.

Nearly 150 students from middle schools around Cache County attended the program along with their teachers. The program featured mineral samples from NASA missions, hands-on activities and a lecture from Mario Perez, a discipline

scientist with the astrophysics division of NASA.

The Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers USU chapter (SHPE-USU) collaborated with NASA and the University of Texas at Brownsville to bring the program to USU. The program aims to encourage students, especially those from ethnic populations, who are usually underrepresented in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields. A growing deficiency in science and math among the nation's schools is a problem that could cost the U.S. in competition with other

nations, said Charles Galindo, a principal scientist at NASA who has helped develop the NASA Space Science Day program.

While USU is only the fourth site nationwide for the program, the need for the U.S. to remain competitive in science and engineering will likely ensure the program's growth and continuance, said Stephanie Herrera, foundation director for the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers.

"Given the state of STEM education and

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Nat'l Briefs

Nuclear crisis may affect placement of U.S. reactors

WASHINGTON (AP) – Energy Secretary Steven Chu suggested Sunday that Japan’s nuclear crisis might make it less likely that new nuclear reactors are built near large American cities, just one of many safety changes that could be forthcoming as U.S. officials review reactor safety.

“Certainly where you site reactors and where we site reactors going forward will be different than where we might have sited them in the past,” Chu said in response to questions about the Indian Point nuclear plant near New York City. “Any time there is a serious accident, we have to learn from those accidents and go forward.”

Meanwhile, the chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission said his agency will again review how U.S. nuclear plants store spent-fuel from nuclear reactors. The state of the spent fuel pools at the Fukushima Dai-ichi plant has been a major concern as Japanese officials try to stem the release of radiation and bring the reactors under control.

AT&T to buy T-Mobile USA for \$39 billion

NEW YORK (AP) – AT&T Inc. said Sunday it will buy T-Mobile USA from Deutsche Telekom AG in a cash-and-stock deal valued at \$39 billion that would make it the largest cellphone company in the U.S.

The deal would reduce the number of wireless carriers with national coverage from four to three, and is sure to face close regulatory scrutiny. It also removes a potential partner for Sprint Nextel Corp., the struggling No. 3 carrier, which had been in talks to combine with T-Mobile USA, according to Wall Street Journal reports.

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Top 10 Reasons To Buy The iPad 2

10. Special microchip makes it obsolete 50 percent faster
9. Apple will sell it to you for \$100 if you tell ‘em Dave sent you
8. So thin you can use it to chop vegetables!
7. Comes with a camera on the front, one on the back, and one in the neighbor’s shower
6. This is off topic, but who buys tickets to see a live Charlie Sheen show?
5. New app which makes any room smell like biscuits
4. No number 4 -- writer still in line for an iPad 2
3. Isn’t it about time you did something for you?
2. Instead of a touch screen, it has a lick screen
1. In this economy, who doesn’t have 600 bucks to throw around?



LIBYAN MEN WAIT FOR THE bodies of 26 people said to be killed during overnight air raids to arrive for burial in Tripoli, Sunday March 20. AP photo

Gadhafi vows ‘long war’

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) – Moammar Gadhafi vowed a “long war” as allied forces launched a second night of strikes on Libya on Sunday, and jubilant rebels who only a day before were in danger of being crushed by his forces now boasted they would bring him down. The U.S. military said the international assault would hit any Gadhafi forces on the ground that are attacking the opposition.

In an attack that carried as much symbolism as military effect, late Sunday a cruise missile blasted a building in Gadhafi’s residential compound, near his iconic tent. It was not known where Gadhafi was at the time, but it seemed to show that while the allies trade nuances over whether his fall is a goal of their campaign – he is not safe.

An Associated Press photographer escorted to the scene by the Libyan government said half of the round, three-story administration building was knocked down, smoke was rising from it and pieces of the missile were scattered around the scene. About 300 Gadhafi supporters were in the compound at the time. It was not known if any were hurt.

The U.S. military said the bombardment so far – a rain of Tomahawk cruise missiles and precision bombs from American and European aircraft, including long-range stealth B-2 bombers – had succeeded in heavily degrading Gadhafi’s air defenses.

In addition to targeting anti-aircraft sites, U.S., British and French planes blasted a line of tanks that had been moving on the rebel capital Benghazi, in the opposition-held eastern half of the country.

On Sunday, at least seven demolished tanks smoldered in a field 12 miles (20 kilometers) south of Benghazi, many of them with their turrets and treads blown off, alongside charred armored personnel carriers, jeeps and SUVs of the kind used by Gadhafi fighters.

“I feel like in two days max we will destroy Gadhafi,” said Ezzeldin Helwani, 35, a rebel standing next to the smoldering wreckage of an armored personnel carrier, the air thick with smoke and the pungent smell of burning rubber. In a grisly sort of battle trophy, celebrating fighters hung a severed goat’s head with a cigarette in its mouth from the turret of one of the gutted tanks.

The strikes that began early Sunday gave immediate, if temporary, relief to Benghazi, which the day before had been under a heavy attack that killed at least 120 people. The city’s calm on Sunday highlighted the dramatic turnaround that the allied strikes bring to Libya’s month-old upheaval: For the past 10 days, Gadhafi’s forces had been on a triumphant offensive against the rebel-held east, driving opposition fighters back with the overwhelming firepower of tanks, artillery, warplanes and warships.

Now Gadhafi’s forces are potential targets for U.S. and European strikes. The U.N. resolution authorizing international military action in Libya not only sets up a no-fly zone but allows “all necessary measures” to prevent attacks on civilians.

But the U.S. military, for the time being at the lead of the international campaign, is trying to walk a fine line over the end game of the assault. It is avoiding for now any appearance that it aims to take out Gadhafi or help the rebels oust him, instead limiting its stated goals to protecting civilians.

At the Pentagon, Navy Vice Adm. William E. Gortney underlined that strikes are not specifically targeting the Libyan leader or his residence in Tripoli. He said that any of Gadhafi’s ground forces advancing on the rebels were open targets.

“If they are moving on opposition forces ... yes, we will take them under attack,” he told reporters.

Harp seals take to U.S. waters

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) – Harp seals from Canada are showing up in U.S. waters in greater numbers and farther south than usual, and biologists want to know why.

Small numbers of juvenile harp seals are typically found each winter stranded along the coast of the northeastern United States. But this year, well over 100 adult harp seals – not juveniles – have been spotted, said Mendy Garron, regional marine mammal stranding coordinator for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in Gloucester, Mass. The sightings are reported by 14 seal stranding and rehabilitation organizations in New England and the Middle Atlantic.

“In some areas they’re reporting three times the normal number of sightings,” Garron said. “This year, we’ve had four sightings of adult harp seals in North Carolina, which we’ve never had before. We typically don’t see them that far south.”

Seals are common in New England waters, where the most abundant type is the harbor seal, with a population estimated at about 100,000 the last time they were surveyed a decade ago. Gray seals are the second most common seal.

But those numbers are piddling compared to the number of harp seals found in the northwest Atlantic. Canada’s Department of Fisheries and Oceans says 9 million of them can be found off Canada and Greenland.

A decade ago, harp seal sightings off Maine were rare, said Lynda Doughty, marine mammal stranding coordinator for the state Department of Marine Resources. The numbers have picked up the past few years, and this year there have been 40 documented sightings – more than double the number spotted last year.

The harp seals are typically spotted on nearshore ledges and in coves and harbors, but they have also turned up in parking lots and backyards – and one was found on an oceanside golf course in Scarborough. The seals spend much of their time on ice – they are one of several varieties of so-called ice seals – and have made their way onto land across the snow and ice along Maine’s shores, she said.

For now, there is no clear explanation for why more seals are showing up in U.S. waters, said Gordon Waring, who heads the seal program at NOAA’s fisheries science center in Woods Hole, Mass.

Regardless of the reason, biologists are taking notice, Doughty said.

“We’re all kind of raising our eyes,” she said.



A JUVENILE HARP SEAL RESTS on an ice covered dock next to a seagull in Boston Harbor, in Boston on Jan. 27, 2009. AP photo

Wolf hunting to be allowed in Montana, Idaho

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) – Facing mounting pressure from lawmakers over gray wolves, wildlife advocates reached an agreement with the Obama administration Friday to lift protections for the species in Montana and Idaho and allow hunting.

The settlement agreement – opposed by some environmentalists – is intended to resolve years of litigation that has kept wolves in the Northern Rockies shielded by the Endangered Species Act even as the population expanded dramatically.

It also is meant to pre-empt action by Congress, where Western Republicans are leading efforts to strip wolves of their protections nationwide.

“For too long, wolf management in this country has been caught up in controversy and litigation instead of rooted in science, where it belongs. This proposed settlement provides a path forward,” said Deputy Interior Secretary David Hayes.

Court documents detailing the proposed agreement between the U.S. Department of Interior and ten conservation groups were filed Friday in U.S. District Court in Montana.

If approved by a federal judge, the deal would keep the species on the endangered list at least temporarily in four states where they are considered most vulnerable: Wyoming, Oregon, Washington and Utah.

And it calls for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to set up a scientific panel to re-examine wolf recovery goals calling for a minimum 300 wolves in the region – a population size wildlife advocates criticize as inadequate. Supporters of the settlement hope that process will accelerate wolf recovery efforts in Washington and Oregon, where populations are just beginning to take hold.

Wolves last century were exterminated across most of the lower 48 states. By the end of 2010, there were an estimated 1,651 wolves in the Northern Rockies following a 15-year, \$30 million federal restoration effort.

That program has stirred deep antipathy toward the predators among western ranchers and hunters, who are angry over livestock attacks and a recent decline in some elk herds.

With Congress now threatening to intervene, the 10 national and local groups involved in Friday’s settlement said they wanted to head off what they regard as precedent-setting legislation. They fear pending bills to delist wolves would broadly undermine the Endangered Species Act, with ramifications for imperiled fish, animals and plants nationwide.

“Both the Fish and Wildlife Service and ourselves were in the middle of a political firestorm that all parties wanted to resolve,” said Kieran Suckling of the Center for Biological Diversity, which signed onto the settlement. “The nature of a settlement is you can’t get everything you want.”



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AFSA event success puts dent in club budget

By RHETT WILKINSON
staff writer

Members of the African Student Association (AFSA) and other USU students who helped carry out Friday's African Night 2011: "Welcome to the Safari" said the show's success turned out to be more than they bargained for.

AFSA President Yordanos Beyene said the event cost more than \$3,000 to produce, including \$2,750 in food expenses, and the number of attendees far exceeded the estimate of 300. The surplus of patrons in attendance will likely result in a financial strain for the organization, Beyene said, and ended being \$25 per person above the estimated count.

"We were impressed and happy with the turnout, but it's not what we expected," Beyene said. "It brought unexpected challenges with too many people."

It's a potential blow to an organization that Beyene said started \$100 in the hole when the school year began.

"We started with negatives because the last presidency spent a lot," Beyene said. "We had to come up with money to actually hold the event."

Kaden Anderson, who helped sell tickets, was impressed with the evening for a variety of reasons, but said one particular part of the show stood out above all the others.

"I was pretty amazed by the way some of the girls could dance," he said. "Some of those girls could really move their hips. It looked exhausting."

Several dances in the show involved styles unique to African culture.

Among the entertainers were

an African organization from University of Utah, an African rap music artist from Provo and a group of African drummers from Salt Lake.

One of the most significant moments of the evening occurred when Norm Perdue, founder of the Children of Ethiopia Education Fund (COEEF), spoke about the need for donations to help continue a cause that has paid tuition for more than 800 girls for an education they otherwise wouldn't have. He and his wife's effort was spurred when they traveled to Africa in June 2001. The financial hardships they observed there led them to sponsor a child whose grandmother could not pay for his schooling any longer.

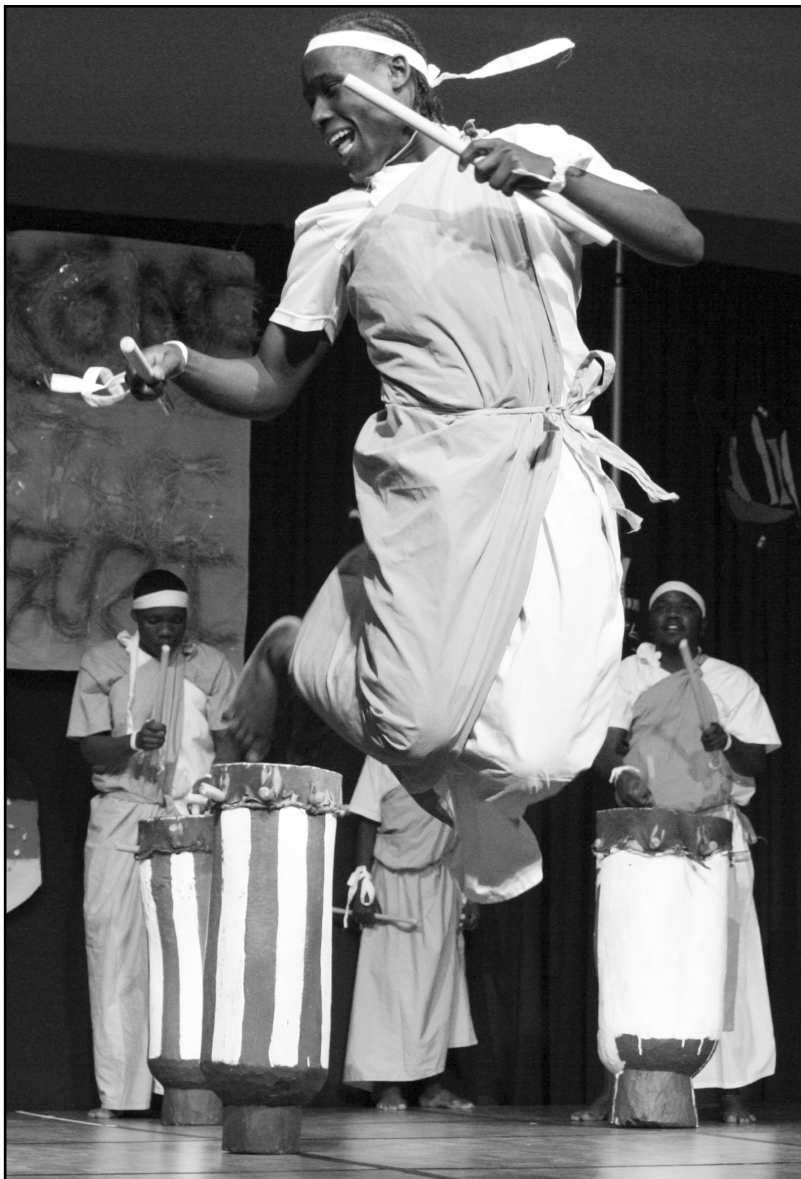
"You think about growth in poor countries, when they are not in school they are pushed into dangers," Gebre said. "I could go on and on about what society does to disadvantage the female population in particular. Educating women has, for sure, helped against that. I feel very privileged to have worked or contributed to this organization, really to change conditions back home."

For the AFSA leadership, there were even more reasons than extending educational opportunities to others contributing to their willingness to give up spring break to prepare and practice for African Night.

"It means a lot to show that we've got culture," Gebre said.

She spent the first 12 years of her life in Ethiopia and enjoyed being able to portray the positive sides of culture of African nations and break away from the conflict, violence and poverty that is broadcast on television, she said.

Though the event proved



A DANCER FROM a Salt Lake drumming group shares African culture through music and movement at the African Banquet. The event yielded a large turnout and many performing artists attended including a Provo rap artist. **ARMEN HOVSEPYAN** photo

successful, Gebre is concerned about the club's finances due to the added fee per plate that was charged to accommodate the estimated 380 in attendance.

"I don't want to look at the

receipt," she said. "I'm really nervous to see it when catering gives it to us."

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GARY SCHMITT, DIRECTOR of the program on advanced strategic studies at the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy research, stressed the importance of students staying updated on current events. **ARMEN HOVSEPYAN** photo

Military: Security weakens with cuts

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of."

Schmitt also expressed concern about the rising influence of the Chinese military, saying that by cutting our military and adopting isolationist policies we are allowing security threats to grow.

"The People's Republic of China has spent the past two decades modernizing its military at a pace we haven't seen since the beginning of the cold war," he said. "They have acquired a huge arsenal of new ballistic missiles, hundreds of advanced fighters and fighter bombers and air defense that is second to none."

Nate Bartlett, a junior in the Air Force ROTC who attended the lecture, agreed with much of what was said, citing the personal effect the defense budget will have on his life.

"We're doing our job, so why are we getting cut? That doesn't make sense to me," he said. "The amount of money we threw into the stimulus plan was uber-amounts over anything else. Of the things that money is being thrown at, we need to ask what's working and what's not."

Bartlett was one of about 30 ROTC students that came for a bit of extra credit in their classes. But the lecture, he said, was more important than the credit.

"I'm sure that are many who think Schmitt is way off," Bartlett said. "But whether you're conservative or liberal, it's important to further your knowledge about what's going on."

McNamara said helping students to become informed and take responsibility for the world they live in is one of the primary reasons for having these lectures.

"One small way students can do this is by coming to events like this," he said. "Whether you agree with the speaker or not, that's not the most important thing."

In an interview following the lecture, Schmitt echoed the importance of students engaging in current events.

"Students are going to be citizens," he said. "Our citizens. It's understandable as a young man or woman that you're just thinking about the next six months, but what you learn here will have consequences for your lifetime and your children's."

Walter Russell Mead, of Bard College and Yale University, will give the next lecture, which will discuss the economic and political aspects of globalization and will be held April 18.

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Friday, March 11

• USU Police spoke with an individual that seemed emotionally upset walking down the road. The individual stated that he was OK and was just out for a walk with his dog.

• USU Police responded to Mountain View Towers on a complaint of someone throwing things from a window. Police spoke to the person responsible and found no issues needing a police response.

Saturday, March 12

• USU Police assisted North Park Police Department with an individual they had arrested for DUI.

• USU Police responded to the Townhouses for a parking problem. A resident noticed several

vehicles in the lot that did not have a proper parking permit. Two vehicles were issued USU parking citations.

Sunday, March 13

• USU Police assisted the Logan City Police and the Logan EMS with an elderly individual that fell in her home and could not get up.

Monday, March 14

• USU Police assisted North Park Police Department with a two-vehicle accident with injuries.

Tuesday, March 15

• USU Police received a suspicious substance call at the Widtsoe Laboratories. Police called about eight individuals before anyone was con-

tacted in regards to the problem.

• USU Police responded to the Taggart Student Center for an animal problem. A small dog was taken to the humane society.

• USU Police transported a student who had a chemical splashed into her eye to the Student Wellness Center and then to Instacare.

Wednesday, March 16

• USU Police responded to the report of an intoxicated male at Merrill Hall. The adult male was arrested for Minor in Possession of Alcohol, and later transported to the Cache County Jail on a warrant out of Davis County.

■ Compiled by Catherine Meidell

Briefs

Campus & Community

Panda Express founder speaks

One might think the obstacles facing a national Chinese restaurant chain and the challenges facing a major college football team are entirely different.

The Jon M. Huntsman School of Business is betting that those interested in mining the secrets of leadership will find treasures of insight at a Partners In Business seminar March 23 in the Eccles Conference Center on the Utah State University campus. The event, billed as the first Principle-Centered Leadership Seminar the organization has sponsored, will bring together Andrew Cherng, founder and chairman of Panda Restaurant Group, Inc., and Gary Andersen, head football coach at USU.

"Anyone who studies the lives of great leaders discovers that they live by certain timeless principles," Dean Douglas D. Anderson said. "This seminar is going to bring together a refreshing combination of leaders who have demonstrated the importance that integrity, focus and respect play in accomplishing worthy ideals."

Cherng opened the first Panda restaurant in 1973 with his father. He has been with the company ever since and has watched Panda Express become one of the most successful restaurant chains in North America. Panda Restaurant Group reports that it now employs nearly 18,000 associates and brings in more than \$1.4 billion in sales.

Tickets available for an evening in Brazil

"An Evening in Brazil" is back at Utah State University, turning up the heat with some indoor winter entertainment Friday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m. in USU's Performance Hall.

The evening's entertainment includes an ensemble that performs music by Brazilian composers from the Bossa Nova movement, with an emphasis on music by Antonio Carlos Jobim. The ensemble will explore Brazilian rhythms and music with a jazzy flair, said Michael Christiansen, USU's director of the guitar studies program in the Department of Music and the Caine College of the Arts.

"Escape the inversion and enjoy a relaxing evening of the great music of Brazil," said Christiansen. "The only thing this concert will be lacking is a drink with an umbrella in it."

General admission tickets are \$15 and student tickets are \$8. Tickets are available at the Caine College of the Arts Box Office in the Chase Fine Arts Center, FAC 139-B, 435-797-8022, online (arts.usu.edu) or at the door prior to the performance.

Congressman visits campus preschool

U.S. Congressman Rob Bishop and other state legislators will come to Utah State University to meet children, parents and staff at the innovative Sound Beginnings Pre-School and the National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management (NCHAM).

The visit is Monday, March 21, at 11 a.m. at Sound Beginnings, housed in the Emma Eccles Jones Early Childhood Education and Research Center.

Unique in the entire United States, the Sound Beginnings program has flourished since it was established in 2007. Children with hearing loss are developing listening and spoken language skills that enable them to enter elementary school on a level similar to their hearing peers.

"Because of improvements in digital hearing aids and cochlear implants as well as improved methods for teaching language, most deaf children can be educated in their neighborhood schools and will not need expensive special education services," said Karl White, director of USU's NCHAM program.

■ *Compiled from staff and media reports*

Pell: More Utah State students applying for less grant money

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include the TEACH Grant, which pays an education major's way through school granted they work for up to five years after graduation. The newly established year-round Pell Grant has ended up costing the government about eight times more than expected and is not bringing about the desired results, which is to provide financial aid for the summer semesters and help students graduate earlier. USU's \$300,000 supplementary LEAP grant has already been cut.

"Of course we're not keen on any reduction in student benefits, but if we're going to have cuts, those are the cuts that I would make," said Sharp. Congress' proposals, some of which have already been rejected by the U.S. Senate, include a cut of about 15 percent of the Pell Grant budget, which would reduce each full reward by \$475, Sharp said. They have also proposed to make the application criteria more exclusive in order to reduce the amount of eligible students. In addition, the federal government proposed a \$60 billion cut for the current fiscal year which would greatly minimize the grant budget for the summer semester and following. In that case, they would require some students to return a portion of the aid that has already been given out.

Concerning this scenario, Sharp said, "It has happened in the past they have had to ask for money back ... so we are making tentative awards

based on this current year's Pell table amounts but warning students that there is a chance that they will be reduced. I don't think that there is any real chance of that happening. And that's why we're willing to make these awards we are going to make."

Although it is possible that some of Congress' proposals will pass, both the Senate and Obama have already rejected many of their ideas.

The decisions to make these cuts have taken much longer than originally intended.

On March 2, Obama released a public statement that said, "This agreement should be bipartisan, it should be free of any party's social or political agenda, and it should be reached without delay." Originally, legislation regarding the Pell Grant funding decrease was intended to be decided upon by March 18, but the Senate passed a continuing resolution bill to re-extend the deadline to April 8.

"We need to know so students can plan not only for next fall, but also for the summer," Sharp said. "We were hoping that that they would have the final word the first time they (extended the deadline). We don't know how many times they're going to keep kicking the can down the road."

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It pays to play with your food



A FOOD SCULPTURE by Amy Lofly, a USU student in the agriculture college, entered a vegetable jungle into the food art competition on Friday in the TSC. Those who attended put coins in jars set out in front of the food art, and the winner was allowed to keep all of their coins. **LAUREN BROTHERSEN** photo

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Science: Activities show middle schoolers science career options

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the amount of engineers we're not putting out, it's definitely going to grow and help build pipelines for corporations and make sure that we can compete in the global market ... I don't like our rankings now," Herrera said.

In February, the National Assessment of Educational Progress released findings from a national study indicating that only about one-third of American students in elementary and secondary education have a firm grasp of basic scientific concepts. Further, the study found that African-American and Hispanic students show an ongoing concern among educators of an overall achievement gap.

Omar Castillo, president of SHPE-USU, said he's concerned about the under-representation of Hispanic students in science and engineering.

"They are not even attending college, some of them," Castillo said. "They don't think that they can succeed in the STEM fields. We want to show them that success is an option and

is possible in the STEM fields through this activity."

Castillo said he hopes the community will view the program as an asset and help establish the NASA Space Science Day as an annual tradition at USU.

The majority of the activities were conducted by college students volunteering through SHPE-USU, in groups of about 10 middle school students. The volunteers had, in weeks prior, received training from NASA personnel on how to conduct the activities, which ranged from planning scenarios for space experiments to seeing who could design and construct the best device out of household items to throw ping-pong balls.

Thane Hutchinson, a seventh-grade science teacher at Mount Logan Middle School, said the opportunity for his students to meet the volunteers from SHPE-USU was a valuable part of the experience.

"It's good for them to see diversity in college, because we have a pretty high diversity at Mount Logan Middle School,"

Hutchinson said. "The content is important, but I want them to see that coming to college is possible."

Volunteers from other organizations, including the USU Get Away Special (GAS) team and the Latinos in Action club of Sky View High School, helped at the event.

In order to host the NASA Space Science Day, leaders in SHPE-USU submitted a grant proposal, competing with chapters in other universities.

"From (their proposal) we determined that USU was probably the best candidate that we had," said Jose Perez, national project manager for the NASA Space Science Day program.

Of SHPE-USU, Perez said, "They had a very strong foundation of members that were extremely dedicated to providing a service to the community, and that is something we were able to recognize when we met with them."

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Five: Officers interview 30 to fill seats

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fronting her with question. Blackburn would also like to see social media outlets used more to reach students, because the 800 students currently connected to USU's Facebook page do not represent all the students who have a Facebook account. She said this will be the most effective method to bring students to campus events.

Larsen had three directors to select and said the application process for appointed positions was more in-depth this year, and he felt that he had great options after whittling down the number of applicants. Four were chosen for interviews in each position.

"I was looking for something that's going to be diverse and inclusive, and wants to have a lot of events that are really going to not just get the same group that goes to the Howl and that goes to Mardi Gras," Larsen said.

Squyres, a junior creative writing major will be the 2011-12 arts and lectures director, and was previously involved with Salt Lake Community College's student government. Upon coming to USU in the fall of 2010, she became involved immediately with Diversity and Organizations council, Aggie Radio and the Kappa Delta sorority.

"I think that an imposed Common Hour is not cool," Squyres said. "I know people come for their lunch hour from work to take a class. Imposing it is kind of ridiculous, but I guess we'll see how it goes the first year. If it doesn't work I hope it will be reevaluated."

Squyres has been brainstorming to find activities that may appeal to diverse student crowds, and

is a fan of the Poetry and a Beverage event that is held monthly on campus. One idea she had was to bring the author of "World War Z," Max Brooks, to speak, because a lot of students were interested in the campus-wide game of Humans vs. Zombies. She said she will go into the year with students' money in mind, and believes students should not have to pay for the events organized for them because student fees should take care of it.

"The people who went to BJ Novak enjoyed it, but I wasn't one of those people because I wasn't willing to pay the money for a ticket," Squyres said. "I hope I can bring some people next year that won't be such a burden on students' pockets."

Newly appointed activities director Kellen Hansen, a sophomore majoring in Spanish, said students can expect to see more "high-end" events, but they will be more money-efficient. There will still be the large events such as Mardi Gras and the HOWL, but students will have a greater quantity of small events in between. Hansen has spent the majority of his time with Activities on the marketing side and said has been able to evaluate what has and has not worked with this year's events.

"Last night after Zach called me, I seriously laid in bed wide-eyed, thinking, 'what can we do this next year that's better?'" Hansen said. "I definitely want to step up to the plate here, I don't want to let anyone down."

The newly appointed Traditions director Kylie Martinez could not be reached for comment.

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Driving while ~~intoxicated~~ drowsy

By NATASHA BODILY
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The dangers of drunk driving are well known, but more precautions are beginning to focus on an equally hazardous condition: driving drowsy. Often, tired drivers do not realize the risk they are taking by getting behind the wheel fatigued.

Road signs reading “Drowsy Drivers use next exit” and “No Fatigued Driving” are used to caution tired drivers to pull over.

“People have this assumption that it will happen to somebody else. For some reason they think they can drive when they are fatigued and that somehow they won’t fall asleep,” said David Bush, Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) director.

The reality of drowsy driving fatalities hits close to home for the CAPS staff. Mary Doty, former director of the program, passed away in August 2009 in a head-on collision with a driver who had fallen asleep at the wheel. The driver drifted into her lane and she was killed on impact.

Bush remembers the staff coming together over her death. He said they rallied around one other.

“We really supported each other,” he said. “We realized what kind of a positive impact she had on everyone. Fortunately, because of the person Mary was, there were never any negative feelings toward (the driver). Everybody was worried about how he was doing,” Bush said. “We knew she would be the first to forgive. She would never hold negative feelings toward anyone.”

Bush said Doty’s specialty was dealing with trauma.

“Her whole life’s work was helping people deal with trauma. If anybody would have stepped forward to help this man, she would have been the first to volunteer,” he said.

Bush said Doty would have wanted the community to understand and realize the seriousness of driving fatigued.

“It is as serious as drunk driving,” he said.

Last year, Doty was recognized as an exceptional woman.

“It gave us a chance to celebrate her life,” Bush said.

Of drowsy driving, he said, “Having had a personal experience and almost killing my family, I can tell you: It can happen to any-

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DANNY MUNOZ WAS in an accident caused by driving drowsy, totaling his car as a result. Though many do not realize the severity, drowsy driving is just as dangerous as driving drunk. *photo courtesy DANNY MUNOZ*

Landscape architects mentored by experts

By MARIAH NOBLE
staff writer

With a first-of-its-kind mentoring program and the only accredited landscape architecture program in the state, USU’s student chapter of ASLA (American Society of Landscape Architects) is getting national attention.

Chris Worthington, ASLA chapter president and a senior majoring in landscape architecture, said people at Utah State saw a need for students to have one-on-one interactions with professionals.

“There’s a stark difference between education and working in the professional world,” Worthington said.

Worthington said the state’s professional chapter of ASLA sent out a request to members who had more than five years of experience and would volunteer to be matched up with a student who had interests in their field. More than 25 professionals said they would be willing to participate.

“The mentor program is great because it provides a connection to someone who can help me continue to stay excited about things I’m preparing to do,” said Ben Swaner, a senior in landscape architecture and ASLA chapter vice president.

Worthington said he and the state ASLA president presented their idea and strategy at the national conference last September. At the conclusion of their presentation, the crowd gave them a standing ovation.

“They were like, ‘Yeah, we’ve heard about this for decades, but no one’s ever actually done anything,’” Worthington said. “That was really encouraging feedback to hear.”

Swaner said this week, USU will host the state ASLA conference. The national ASLA president will speak at the conference, along with others who have been involved with the department in the past.

Even with the national attention, ASLA advisor and assistant professor Keith Christensen said he thinks more people at USU should be aware of the LAEP (Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning) program.

“The field of landscape architecture is very broad,” Christensen said. “There are lots of things you can do with it, but they all have to do with working with land, space and people.”

The landscape architecture program prepares students to design a variety of things, like playground equipment, parking lots, trails through national parks or outdoor plazas.

LAEP 1030 is an introduction to landscape architecture class that fulfills the breadth creative arts requirement. Christensen said taking the class helps students get a better grasp of landscape architects

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THE LIFE OF A TSC JANITOR may not be glamorous, but most say they do not mind their job. They said their favorite part about their job is getting to know the people in the building. *BRECK BYINGTON photo*

Sweeping this university

By APRIL ASHLAND
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The Taggart Student Center is the main hub of campus. The streams of students coming and going in the bustling minutes between classes is vastly different from the silence at the end of a janitor’s shift at 1 a.m.

The mind conjures images of overflowing trash cans, messy bathrooms and dirty floors when the end of the day comes in the TSC, but the janitors say it’s not that bad. In fact, they tend to have a good time cleaning at the end of a day, when everyone else is eat-

ing dinner and sleeping.

“It’s really not that bad,” Chad Larsen said, as he put on the first of many pairs of rubber gloves he wears each night.

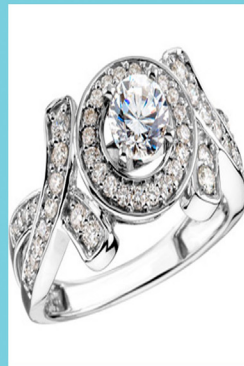
Larsen has been a janitor in the TSC for about a month, and said the social interactions with students are the best part of his job.

“You can be quiet, but the more you get to know the students the better your job is,” he said.

The janitors in the TSC clean in teams, and Larsen’s partner is Scott Arbon, a freshman in landscape architecture.

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Aerospace major wants to shoot for the moon

By ALLEE EVENSEN
staff writer

Utah Statesman: What's the best decision you've ever made?
Jordan Bradley: Coming to Utah State. They gave me the most money and my family has a long heritage here. I just love it here. My parents met here, my grandpa got his bachelor's degree here and all three of my uncles have gone here.

US: What is your favorite building on campus?
JB: Probably the library. I spend a lot of time there. I love that you can go there and be by yourself. It's quiet.

US: What is your most prized possession?
JB: My computer. Everything is on there.

US: What's the craziest dare you've ever done, and would you do it again?
JB: Running around my house in the middle of winter with no shoes or socks on. And yes, I would do it again.

US: If you could travel through time and meet yourself as a kid, what advice would you give yourself?
JB: Prepare for high school. The academic side was easy but the social side was hard. I wasn't a very social kid.


US: What's the worst date you've ever been on?
JB: Sadie Hawkins of my junior year of high school. The actual date was okay, it was who I went with. It was awkward. She liked me but I didn't like her. But she didn't know that.

US: What items are always in your refrigerator?
JB: Yogurt, milk and cheese.

US: What famous person do you think you resemble most?
JB: I've been told I look like Brad Pitt, but I don't think that's very true.

US: What is your first thought when you wake up in the morning?
JB: I don't want to get up.

Caught on Campus



Jordan Bradley freshman engineering

chores are down there, but most of them are okay. Probably mowing the lawn. I hate mowing the lawn.

US: What's one thing you miss about being a kid?
JB: The easiness of it. The flow that life has when you're young.

US: When you die, what do you want people to remember about you?
JB: That I was fun to be around, a good guy. And that I was respected.

US: What is one place you wouldn't be caught dead?
JB: A strip club.

US: If you could go on a road trip with anybody, dead or alive, who would you go with?
JB: Probably my parents. They've given me a lot of stuff in my life and I'd like to give back to them.

US: What is the best job you've ever had?
JB: A pharmacy tech. The people that worked there were awesome, I loved being around them. I basically went down and sold prescriptions to people that paid for them. It was fun.

US: What's the best compliment you've ever received?
JB: You're going to go far ... or in high school I was voted most likely to succeed.

US: What's the worst advice you've ever taken?

US: What is your dream job?
JB: I don't really have one, but I think working on rockets would be awesome.

US: What is your most hated chore?
JB: A couple



JORDON BRADLEY WOULD LIKE to work at NASA someday, and said the best job he's ever had was as a pharmacy technician. He was voted most likely to succeed in high school, and wants to live in a small town when he is retired. ALLEE EVENSEN photo

JB: Don't pee into the wind.

US: What was the highlight of spring break?
JB: Visiting my friends in Cedar City. We just hung out, but I hadn't seen them in a couple months.

US: What '90s TV show describes your life best?
JB: Is "Friends" from the '90s? That one.

US: If you could get a degree right now and work wherever you wanted, where would it be?
JB: I would work at the THRUST facility in Magna, and eventually work for NASA.

US: What is your favorite memory as an Aggie?
JB: In soccer class, wiping this kid out. Me and him were both going for the ball.

US: When you're 80, what do you see yourself

doing?
JB: Living in a small town, going 4-wheeling in the mountains.

US: If you could sit anywhere you wanted at an Aggie basketball game, where would it be?
JB: With the rowdies.

US: What is your earliest memory?
JB: Breaking my leg when I was 3. I was playing on a stack of railroad ties and I fell.

US: What is your weirdest quirk?
JB: I notice and remember stupid things. One morning on the CVTD bus, there were icicles on the bumper, but the next day it snowed and there were no icicles. I figured the day that there were icicles, the bus must have been washed.

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Landscape: Economy is having its effect on jobs

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do.
"It's a fascinating class for people to learn more about the landscape and community," Christensen said.
Christensen also said students interested in the program should stop by the office and talk to people familiar with the major, and Swaner agreed.
"Come up to the offices here and arrange with someone to get a tour," Swaner said. "You can walk through the studios and see what's going on."
Jeff Benson, ASLA chapter treasurer, is a transfer student from SLCC. He said when he first came, he didn't know what to study. He met with an engineering advisor, and she suggested he look at the LAEP department.
"As soon as I started classes, I loved it," Benson said. "I really like combining the logical, mathematical, analytical with the art and design. A lot of artists create things to make them look good, but we design for function as well."
Benson said he enjoys being able to use the land as his medium. Both Benson and Swaner emphasized the problem-solving skills critical for their major.
"I've always been involved in the outdoors," Swaner said. "I've always been a problem-solver. I like the fusion of problem-solving and dealing with the outdoors and environment. There are architects, but we're who designs what's outside the building. It's exciting."
The LAEP department attracts people with different backgrounds. Betsy Byrne is a graduate student in the program. She originally graduated in film studies from the University of Utah. Kathryn Knight is also a graduate student who went to the University of Utah and majored in English and environmental studies.
"I just became interested in environmental education," Knight said. "I want to design spaces that have positive behavioral and psychological effects where children can learn and develop."
Eric Anderson, a graduate student who originally majored in philosophy and English at the University of Utah, said he enjoys the program, but it takes a lot of time.
"Very few of us have jobs outside of school," Anderson said. "It's just so time-consuming."
It's also a competitive program. Of the students who apply after completing sophomore classes, only 25 are accepted into the pro-

gram.
"You can't coast," Byrne said. "This is not an easy A."
Along with most other professions, the economy has had an effect on landscape architects.
"A lot of the guys here have families and getting a job is critical," Benson said.
The demand for landscape architects has gone down in recent years, but some students are still finding work.
"Already four or five students have jobs when they graduate," Worthington said. "Back in the day there were three to four job offers per student."
Along with the recession, the "going green" movement has made an impact on the field.
"Sustainability is becoming a huge part of landscape architecture," Swaner said. "It's an exciting profession to be in right now. Creating sustainable sites with solar and green roofs will get more popular as resources get more limited."
Swaner and Benson also said the recent move of the LAEP department to the College of Agriculture has been a good thing.
"It's opened up a lot of opportunities," Benson said. "The funding has been awesome."
In addition to modeling and creating projects, students in the LAEP department have been able to participate in real-life local projects, such as working on plans for the Stokes Nature Center in Logan Canyon.
"We've been working to design and build new trail systems, playgrounds and site amenities there," Swaner said. "It's cool to be part of a project that someday really will get implemented."
Christensen said the students have been able to plan and work for CAPSA, as well as work with other communities throughout the state to plan, design and better meet the needs of its residents.
Last week, Worthington, Benson and others made a presentation in Cedar City focusing on future prospective projects.
"It's a good hands-on experience," Worthington said. "There are so many avenues you can go down with this major. The opportunities I've had through ASLA have shown me what I have the potential to become."

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ANDREW RAWLINS WORKS on a clay garden for one of his landscape architecture classes. The program is the only accredited program in Utah, and is becoming nationally recognized. ARMEN HOVSEPYAN photo

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Sticklers Answer

The missing number is 3.
Multiply the two bottom numbers, then divide by 12 to get the top number.

USU to host German group of a capella singers

By ALLEE EVENSEN
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When fans ask Ludwig Bohme what Calmus means, he laughs a little. Often they expect a deep historical reference or some type of symbolism, he said.

“It was the initials of the founding members. And I think it’s the root of a plant,” he said.

Bohme is one-fifth of the Calmus Vocal Ensemble, which will perform Tuesday, March 22 in Logan. After flying 5,300 miles from their hometown of Leipzig, Germany, the quintet will use their voices to share a combination of classical repertoire, folk songs and a little pop music.

When Craig Jessop, head of the music department and dean of Caine College of the Arts, received a call from the Ensemble’s manager last year asking if Utah State would like to be a stop on the group’s first-ever West Coast tour, he didn’t hesitate.

“I said absolutely,” he said. “This is the only professional vocal ensemble that is totally a cappella. They’re exceptional.”

Sebastian Krause, the group’s countertenor, said singing in the United States is almost like starting over. The group has a large fan base in Europe, but is almost unknown in the U.S., especially on the West Coast. He said they tailor their music when they perform in the states so they can show variety while still representing their culture.

“We enjoy (being) here in the United States because the audience is very open-minded,” Krause said. “The German people are not so lively after the concert.”

Both Krause and Bohme, the group’s baritone, started singing with the St. Thomas Boy’s Choir at young ages. Even after he graduated from the choir, Bohme never saw vocal music as anything more than a hobby. When the Calmus Ensemble was born, he said it was mostly just four guys singing at birthday parties.

“Young people’s lives are not clear,” Bohme said. “We have experienced it from the beginning on.”

Bohme described the first concert as a hit, and the first time he saw the ensemble as having the potential to become career. However, they were still missing a piece of the puzzle. That piece was found with the arrival of soprano Anja Lipferti in 2001.

“She changed the sound of the group dramatically. It’s getting better and better,” Bohme said.

The Calmus Vocal Ensemble specializes in a unique mixture of early and contemporary repertoire. Jessop said their music is an unbroken German tradition of hundreds of years, with roots in men like Johann Sebastian Bach, who also originated from Leipzig.

Bohme said the Bach is a sacred figure to Germans, one that they take inspiration from. His music is often written for voices; a good fit for the ensemble. Calmus also focuses on renaissance pieces and contemporary music specially commissioned for them.

“In the 15th century they loved singing drinking songs, we sing those,” Böhme said. “We sing from other periods as well. Our concerts usually end with pop or folk songs.”

When Jessop first saw Calmus preform a few years ago, he said he was taken back by the variety of the group. He said the group was reminiscent of the King’s Singers, a world famous vocal ensemble, but their young ages made them unique, one of the reasons they are performing on a college campus.

“They have a different timbre, an international flare,” Jessop said. “What I saw was a diverse repertoire from the middle ages to contemporary music. It’s a great perspective.”

In the future, Krause envisions larger concerts, bigger venues and steady growth. The group already preforms 70 times a year, flying back and forth from Europe to the United States. If anything, said Krause, they’d be happy to simply continue what they’ve been doing.



THE CALMUS ENSEMBLE hails from Leipzig, Germany, where the five members merged to form their a cappella singing group. They blend classical and contemporary music to create a unique sound. *photo courtesy CALMUS ENSEMBLE*

“We hope everything goes like it has for the past few years. We want to have more concerts and better fees. That’s what I wish for,” Krause said.

Jessop said this performance is a one-of-a-kind show, and an opportunity for Utah State to open itself to another culture.

“It should be a fantastic night, musically and culturally,” he said.

The Calmus Ensamble will preform Tuesday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Performance Hall. General admission is \$8, or free with a student ID.

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Drowsy: Pull over at the first sign

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one.”

Years ago, he said, he was driving with his wife Cathy and baby daughter around Christmas time. His wife and daughter had both fallen asleep and he felt himself getting tired.

He said the next thing he knew, he had over-corrected and was headed into oncoming traffic, sending the car into a spin before they finally straightened out.

“I tapped the break and it turned me around,” he said. “At this point, Cathy was awake. I finally got the car in control and on the side of the road.”

“I realized if I had killed my wife or my baby, I would never be able to forgive myself,” Bush said. “Ever since then, whenever I get sleepy, I pull over because you just never know, it happens so fast.”

According to drowsydriving.org, sleepiness has similar effects to alcohol consumption.

“Sleepiness slows reaction time, decreases awareness, impairs judgment and increases your risk of crashing,” the site reads.

Several states are proposing legislation to charge drowsy drivers with criminal negligence.

Danny Munoz, a junior in political science, is more grateful about life after his near-fatal drowsy driving accident.

He said as he neared his exit on a Saturday morning around 1:45 a.m., he began to doze off and was about to pull off to the side of the road.

“I just remember waking up mid-roll right before the front (of my car) smashed into a tree,” Munoz said. He was the only one in the car and incurred no serious injuries.

“My seat belt saved my life,” he said.

He said he advises against driving drowsy.

“Remember the buddy system was made for a reason,” he said.

Lyndi Jenson, a junior in business administration, also experienced a close call. She said she was busy at the time, working two jobs and going to school. She said her second job was in Layton and she commuted back and forth from Logan every Sunday.

She said on her way to work on a Sunday morning, after a late night, she turned up her music and sang loudly to keep herself awake.

“My eyes were probably only closed for 10 seconds, but I opened them right as I was drifting into a truck

in the next lane,” she said. “When I got to work, I put in my two weeks.”

Jensen said she made this sacrifice because it was not worth it to drive drowsy every week.

Rachel Mertlich, a sophomore in elementary education, realized she could have caused an accident after driving fatigued. She said she felt like she was asleep and woke up when she got home.

“I do not remember anything but getting in my car and then pulling up to my driveway,” she said. “I was real scared afterward when I realized I could have died or hit someone. I was thinking I should have pulled over.”

According to a study by the National Sleep Foundation, 60 percent of adult drivers have driven while feeling drowsy and 37 percent have actually fallen asleep while driving in the past year.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration conservatively estimated 100,000 drowsy driving-related crashes occur each year, leading to 1,550 deaths, 71,000 injuries and \$12.5 billion in financial losses. But these numbers could be just “the tip of the iceberg,” according to drowsydriving.org. The site attributes these conservative estimations to the difficulty in attributing

crashes to sleepiness –there is no breathalyzer for exhaustion.

The National Sleep Foundation provides suggested steps to avoid accidents. Before hitting the road, the site recommends getting adequate sleep, scheduling proper breaks (about every 100 miles or every two hours), arranging for a travel companion and avoiding alcohol and sedating medications.

If these precautions are taken and the driver still feels drowsy, the foundation says to stop driving, take a nap, drink a caffeinated beverage and to be aware of rumble strips.

Rumble strips were first used in 1952 on the New Jersey Turnpike. These deep grooves on high-speed roads were made to “alert drowsy drivers and prevent them from veering off the roadway,” according to the National Sleep Foundation site. These strips “have proven to be one of the most effective measures in decreasing drowsy driving,” the site states.

The foundation recommends drowsy drivers who recognize their symptoms should find a safe place to pull over to prevent future accidents.

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Janitor: Getting to know the people

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Larsen and Arbon banter back-and-forth, joking about names for what they do.

“You’re going to be a facilities technician,” Larsen said to Arbon.

Arbon has been working as a janitor for about three months, but doesn’t necessarily agree that the students are the best part of his job.

“Our jobs are not that glamorous, but I really like vacuuming,” he said, smiling to let Larsen in on the joke. “But really, I don’t mind it at all. We get to talk to a lot of people, and that’s great.”

The janitors have the same basic jobs each day, which one janitor, Don Rindlisbacher, said can be monotonous.

“It’s mundane, but it’s got to be done, and it’s a fun place to work,” he said.

Each day, aside from the jobs the janitors do every day, there’s also what’s called a detail.

“Detail just means we clean something extra, like mopping the floor mats in the offices, or cleaning all the nooks and crannies in the bathrooms,” Larsen said.

Not all the janitors are students at USU, as Larsen and Rindlisbacher can attest to. Larsen is a USU alumnus, as is Rindlisbacher.

Larsen lives with his wife, and both have stayed in Logan because her family is in North Logan, he said. Rindlisbacher has a wife and children and works two jobs.

Rindlisbacher said he has worked in other places before, such as the Logan Regional Hospital, but he said he needed a change, so when a janitorial job opened at USU, he took it. He is now one of four full-time night janitors in the TSC.

Over the four years Rindlisbacher has worked in the TSC, he said he’s gotten to know a lot of the student leaders, which is always the highlight for him.

“We may not be on a first-name basis, but we know each other, and I’ve really liked seeing

them around,” he said.

Larsen said knowing the people whose offices he and Arbon clean helps them with their job.

“When students know you, they’re a lot more likely to clean up after themselves, to help you out,” he said.

The janitors don’t only clean the TSC, though. They often help set up for events, which they said helps to alleviate some of the boredom they can get from the routine.

“We got to help set up with Mardi Gras, and tear down and stuff like that,” Arbon said. “It was really cool to be able to do that.”

Rindlisbacher has also been helping with mechanical maintenance.

“I’ve been helping tear apart machines; helping with the maintenance side of things, not just cleaning,” he said. “It’s nice to be able to do both.”

The janitors have had some odd experiences while working at USU, and Rindlisbacher said he saw two guys about to get into a fight in the Aggie Terrace one night when he got off work.

“There were these guys, and they were standing nose to nose,” he said. “I was parked right behind them, so as I pulled out I just told them they didn’t want to do this, and they should stop. They separated after that.”

Larsen said it can be a little weird here in the TSC late at night, and he’s sometimes scared himself.

“Sometimes when it’s really late and nobody’s around, you catch a glance of yourself moving, and that’s kinda weird,” he said. “And the TSC is an old building, so it makes some weird noises.”

The janitors may not have a glamorous job, but Arbon said that’s not the point.

“It’s about the students, they really make the job worth it,” he said.

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Record-setting season ends for Aggie women in Provo

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A record season for the Utah State women's basketball team finally came to an end Saturday in their second-round game of the WNIT. The Aggies lost to in-state rival BYU, 102-63, at the Marriott Center in Provo. USU, who finished the season with a school-record 18 wins, advanced to play BYU after the team's first post-season win since 1977, but came up short against the high-powered Cougars.

"We did not play as well as we know we're capable of doing," head coach Raegan Pebley said. "It was a tough game, but I'm proud of our kids' effort, I'm proud of their character, and I'm really proud of who they are as a program and how they represent our school."

The Aggies started the game ready to play as sophomore Banna Diop put USU on the board first. For the next several minutes, Utah State was in control of the game, and even held a 13-5 lead after about five minutes of play.

It didn't take long for BYU to show why they are such a tough team, though, as they reeled off a 9-0 run to quickly take their first lead of the game at 14-13. For about the next 10 minutes the game see-sawed between the two teams, neither one ever having a lead of more than three points.

With about five minutes to go in the first half, BYU turned on the jets, finishing the half with a 20-7 run and going into the locker room up 47-33.

"We knew we needed to play well defensively," Pebley said. "We needed to try to force them into turnovers and rush them because they are too good of shooters, and we just weren't able to do that tonight. They hit 3s, they rebounded really well and they were very physical."

The second half started and the Cougars continued to pull away. In the first two minutes, the BYU lead was up to 20, and although the Aggies continued to fight, they had trouble getting any closer. As the half wore on, the lead continued to grow for BYU and it turned into a depressing *deja vu* for the Aggies after they suffered a big loss in Provo earlier in the season.

"We were a totally different team the last time we played them, and we kind of redefined ourselves after that game. But I think the emotions, the physical and the emotional toll of the past week and a half might have caught up with us a little bit."

The final buzzer sounded and the Aggies season was over, but what a season it was. It was Utah State's best season ever in terms of wins, as they won 18, the most in USU history. This season the Aggies also returned to the post-season, playing in their first tournament game since the 1981-82

season, as well as winning their first post-season game since 1977.

"It was a big step for our program," Pebley said of the season. "Getting into post-season play and also competing the way we did in conference, the players really invested themselves and sacrificed a lot for this team."

Saturday's game also marked the last game for four Aggie seniors, Alice Coddington, Amber White, Stacey Howard, and LaCale Pringle-Buchanan, all of whom will be greatly missed by Utah State.

"Those seniors were really special to this program," Pebley said. "They've given so much to this program and to this university and they are proud to be Aggies."

Despite losing important players, the future looks bright for Utah State. The Aggies will return four starters next year, including Ashlee Brown, who was named first-team All-WAC and WAC Newcomer of the Year along with Devyn Christensen, who was second on the team in scoring this season.

"We're excited about the youth that we have returning next year and all their potential," Pebley said. "They (the seniors) believed they were part of something pretty special and that became contagious throughout our program. These younger players learned a lot from those seniors."

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SOPHOMORE GUARD DEVYN CHRISTENSEN burns past a New Mexico State defender during WAC Tournament action earlier this month. The Aggie women's record-setting season ended Saturday with a loss to BYU in the second round of the WNIT. TODD JONES photo

Gymnastics places fifth at WAC championship meet

By MEGAN ALLEN
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The Utah State gymnastics team took fifth place at the Western Athletic Conference Championships on Saturday in San Jose, Calif., matching their predicted finish in the preseason poll with a score of 191.850.

Boise State led the meet with 195.700, winning their third championship over the last four years. Last year's champions, Southern Utah University, took second place with 194.825.

"We had a great warm-up, so we were kind of surprised that we competed the way we did," USU head coach Jeff Richards said.

Aggie senior Jackie Dillon tied for seventh place in all-around competition with a score of 38.600. Freshman Rachel Vaske took ninth place with her score of 38.250. Senior Lyndsie Boone finished in 11th with a score of 38.100.

The Aggies had a bye on the first rotation, but joined in the action on the second rotation, starting with floor exercises.

With a team total of 48.450 on floor, Dillon was the top finisher for the Aggies with a score of 9.800. That put her in eighth place for floor overall. Vaske opened on floor with a 9.575, followed by freshman Cammi Muhr with a 9.775, just shy of her career-best score.

The Aggies moved to the vault for the third rotation. The team scored a season-high in last week's meet, but had the season-low Saturday with a total of 96.225, led off by junior Rebecca Holliday and her score of 9.100.

The vault got off to a rough start as the first two girls did not have complete routines. Junior Rebecca Holliday led off with a 9.100, followed by a 9.050 by Muhr. Freshman Paige Jones was USU's top vaulter,

scoring a 9.725 to tie for 15th place. Boone landed a 9.650 before Dillon closed out the lineup with her score of 9.700.

"We had a pretty rough vault rotation," Richards said. "After the falls, their faces were a little bit devastated."

The Aggies had their second bye of the meet on the fourth rotation before moving to the bars for rotation five. Vaske started the lineup off with a 9.625, before a 9.650 by sophomore Amanda Watamaniuk. Boone landed a 9.725 and Dillon followed with a 9.750, putting her in the position to tie for 10th place on bars overall. Junior Nicole Simoneau rounded out the rotation with a 9.725, only the fourth time this season that she did not post at least a 9.800.

For the sixth and final rotation, the Aggies headed to the beam, where Boone opened with a 9.025. Junior Haley Hogan held the Aggies' top score with her 9.675. Dillon then posted a 9.350 before an 8.600 by Muhr to close out the meet. That left USU with a total of 47.175 on beam, contributing to the final score of 191.850.

"It was a real 'fight through' kind of night," Richards said. "They showed a lot of heart and really persevered."

The WAC championship meet was the final night of competition for the Aggies as a team this season, but are hoping a few girls will move on to regional competition on a personal level. Regional qualification scores will be submitted Monday morning with the announcement following soon. Both seniors should be moving on.

The Aggies are already looking forward to next year's season.

"We're only losing two girls and have a good group of young ones coming in next year," Richards said, "so that will be good."

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USU SENIOR LYNDSIE BOONE performs her routine on the bars during USU's final home meet against Cal State Fullerton. Boone's 9.725 was good for second-best on the team as USU notched it's best team score on the bars at Saturday's WAC championships with a 48.475. CARL R. WILSON photo

Eight USU tracksters win events in Tucson

By TAVIN STUCKI
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Eight different Utah State track and field athletes won titles in their events over the weekend at the Willie Williams Classic and Dave Murray Distance Carnival at Roy P. Drachman Stadium in Tucson, Ariz.

Juniors Ruth Hilton and Daniel Howell won the women's and men's steeplechase, and seniors Eric Larson and Clint Silcock won the 1500-meter and high jump, respectively, on day one of the competition. On Saturday, junior Joe Canavan won the shot put, senior Jason Holt won the 800-meter race and sophomores Amber Thompson and Bri Campbell won the pole vault and high jump.

Hilton was the only female Aggie in the field when she beat Arizona's Erin Meneffee, who finished in second place by 30

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VCU routs Purdue 94-76 to break into tourney’s Sweet 16

CHICAGO (AP) – Oh yeah, VCU belongs in the NCAA tournament. The real question now: Who can stop the Rams?

Fresh, fast, furious and at times flawless, VCU didn’t look a bit like a team playing its third game in five nights. The Rams pressured Purdue, broke through its defense for numerous layups, and overwhelmed the third-seeded Boilermakers of the Big Ten 94-76 Sunday night to earn their first trip to the round of 16.

As their fans chanted “VCU, VCU,” players hugged and celebrated on the floor of the United Center. What a trip – what a week – it has been. Now it’s on to San Antonio for the 11th-seeded Rams (26-11) to play the winner of Notre Dame-Florida State on Friday in the Southwest regional semifinals.

It was just a week ago the Rams received an at-large bid to the disbelief of some critics. Shuttled off to Dayton for a first-round game, they beat Southern Cal on Wednesday, got into Chicago in the wee hours Thursday, routed Georgetown on Friday and

then did the same to the Boilermakers.

“A week ago, we thought we were done,” said the relentless point guard Joey Rodriguez, who had 12 points, 11 assists and no turnovers in 34 minutes.

“And now, we’re here in the Sweet 16. Anything can happen now.”

Purdue coach Matt Painter, whose Boilermakers (26-8) were denied a third straight trip to the round of 16, agreed.

“If you watched VCU a certain time in the season you wouldn’t see what you just watched out there,” Painter said. “Then you watch them during a four- or five-game stretch and you literally think, ‘They can beat any team in the country.’ ... I made that statement – VCU can beat any team in the country on a neutral court. And I believe that. ... I was hoping that team wouldn’t show up, but that team from VCU did show up.”

Bradford Burgess scored 23 points to lead a balanced offense, and the Rams’ depth wore the Boilermakers down in the second half when the lead reached 20 points.

“It wasn’t easy. We just made plays out there. You see all these guys on TV, and we’re watching them all year and in our heads, we’re like, ‘Man, we can play with these guys,’” Rodriguez said.

“We’re getting the opportunity now and we’re proving it.”

VCU finished with 26 assists to just four turnovers. The Rams didn’t hesitate to pop up 3-pointers – making 8 of 21 – but they also took it inside against Big Ten Player of the Year Jajuan Johnson, challenging the 6-foot-10 center.

“We made him work for everything he got,” said VCU coach Shaka Smart, noting that Johnson appeared to tire a bit.

Johnson did finish with 25 points and 14 rebounds in the final game of a stellar career.

“Honestly it was just one of those nights. Basic principles that we didn’t execute on and that’s all on us, taking nothing away from VCU,” Johnson said.

But VCU really stopped the Boilermakers’ other star, E’Twaun Moore, holding him to 10 points on 5-of-15 shooting. That’s eight points below his average. Ryne

Smith had 20 for Purdue, hitting 6-of-8 on 3-pointers.

“Our guys have worked together all year long. They shared the basketball. I think we found a high level of defensive energy these last several games and that’s what has allowed us to advance,” Smart said.

“We just had to have everyone on the same page and everyone going in the same direction. ... I’m just so happy for our guys.”

Jamie Skeen added 13 points and freshman Juvonte Reddic had 12. The Rams shot 57 percent.

“I feel like all teams are equal. It’s not just about the conference and how big the conference is and all that other stuff,” Skeen said.

“We’re all just as good. It’s just basketball, man. I know you have your All-Americans, like you had two All-Americans out there, but it’s a team game. If you jell as a team like we did today, you can beat anybody.”

VCU led by 10 at the half. Reddic had six points early in the second half when the speedy Rams foiled a comeback by the Boilermakers by consistently getting open for short shots inside.

And after a timeout

and a Boilermakers miss, Rodriguez didn’t hesitate from way beyond the top of the key, sinking an NBA-length 3-pointer and putting the Rams up 59-44. VCU hit seven of its first eight shots in the second half to keep up what it started in the first.

When Burgess drove for a layup and then got open and sank a 3-pointer, he put the Rams ahead by 19 with just

more than 11 minutes left.

“It’s VCU against the world,” said the 6-foot-9 Skeen. “Nobody else thought we could do this. Nobody else’s bracket said that we’re going to make it to the Sweet 16. Honestly, if it was me and I was just a regular person, I wouldn’t put VCU in the Sweet 16. Who would have thought?”



VCU FORWARD JUVONTE REDDIC goes up for a shot against Purdue forward Travis Carroll in the first half of a third-round NCAA Southwest regional tournament college basketball game in Chicago. *AP photo*

Track: USU litters leaderboards at Arizona meet

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seconds. Hilton won the steeplechase with a time of 10:46.12. Howell won the men’s race in 9:16.51, finishing 12 seconds ahead of teammates Steve Atkinson and Aaron Clements to complete the one-two-three sweep.

“Really when you consider that we’ve come from indoors to outdoors,” head coach Gregg Gensel said. “We haven’t really had an opportunity to practice on an outdoor track because it’s been too cold in Logan, I think we did exceptionally well and represented well at this meet.”

Larson beat out senior distance runner Hunter Nelson by just less than a second to win the 1500-meters in a time of 3:51.84. Holt beat Arizona’s Jason Mara by one second in the 800-meters with a time of 1:52.74 to win the race.

Silcock won the men’s high jump with a height of 2.11 meters (6-11.00) to finish ahead of sophomore teammate Eric Follet, who jumped 1.96 (6-05.00). Campbell won the women’s with a final height of 1.65

meters (5-05.00) ahead of junior jumper Madison Jensen at 1.60 (5-03.00).

Thompson tied with Arizona’s Alexandra Weatherly to win the pole vault at 3.55 meters (11-07.75).

Canavan won the shot put with a throw of 17.59m (57-08.50).

Gensel said other notable performances included senior sprinter Ahrmad Lewis, who finished with times of 10.63 and 21.88 in the 100- and 200-meters, as well as freshman Tanner Hunt out of Sky View High School, who took fourth in the 400-meter in 48.40.

The meet featured the return of a few Aggie athletes who had been out of action with injuries or redshirted during the indoor season, including Canavan, who competed in the hammer throw as well as winning the shot put at the meet. Junior multi-eventer Jon Goble, who has been out with a foot injury, was also present for the 200-meter and javelin.

Among those notably not competing was junior pole vaulter Sonia Grabowska, who is

redshirting the 2011 outdoor season to finish her degree in exercise science before returning to compete in both indoor and outdoor seasons next year.

Gensel said he wanted to see where all of his athletes are at in their events at this meet.

“This is what this meet is all about,” Gensel said. “We want to see where everybody’s at and give them a chance to work out for a couple weeks and then we’ll go to Albuquerque and have hopefully another good meet and improve a little bit.”

The Aggies look to continue a tradition of dominance in conference after winning the men’s indoor WAC title and finishing second by one point in the women’s. They will next travel to Albuquerque, N.M., on Friday, April 1 for a meet at New Mexico State University.

USU’s only home meet will be the Mark Faldmo Invitational on Saturday, April 16, at the Ralph Maughan Track Stadium in Logan.

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Utah State track and field results: Willie Williams Classic

WOMEN

100m
7. Bailee Whitworth, 12.38;
10. Mercedes Blackwood, 12.69

200m
9. Aubrie Haymore, 25.14
10. Bailee Whitworth, 25.17
11. Katelyn Heiner, 25.21
13. Ashlee Cannon, 25.31
16. Chalese West, 25.61
17. Mercedes Blackwood, 25.78
19. Chari Hawkins, 26.15
21. Hollie Bosworth, 26.36
32. Jen Schiess, 29.13

400m
3. Katelyn Heiner, 55.54
4. Aubrie Haymore, 55.85
8. Chalese West, 58.26
10. Hollie Bosworth, 58.55

800m
6. Alexis Meyer, 2:19.76

1500m
3. Kim Quinn, 4:40.88
4. Hannah Williams, 4:41.92
6. Stephanie Burt, 4:44.59
8. Alicia Wilkins, 4:50.44
9. Marissa Floodman, 4:50.54
15. Alexis Meyer, 4:57.37

5000m
5. Kaylee Campbell, 18:33.93

3000sc
1. Ruth Hilton, 10:46.12

100m hurdle
2. Ashlee Cannon, 14.33
5. Chari Hawkins, 14.77
9. Kylie Hirschi, 15.43
12. Bri Campbell, 16.53
15. Jen Schiess, 17.07

400m hurdle
2. Kylie Hirschi, 1:02.35
8. Camille Fehlberg, 1:06.23

4x100
4. 47.87 (Mercedes Blackwood, Bailee Whitworth, Ashlee

Cannon, Lauren Hoskie)

High Jump
1. Bri Campbell, 1.65m (5-05.00)
T-3. Madison Jensen, 1.60m (5-03.00)

Pole Vault
1. Amber Thompson, 3.55m (11-07.75)
T-4. - Rachele St. Jeor, 3.25m (10-08.00)

Long Jump
8. Bri Campbell, 5.22m (17-01.50)
17. Madison Jensen, 4.87m (15-11.75)

Discus
5. Shannon Prince, 47.62m (156-03.00)
9. Spela Hus, 39.62m (130-00.00)

Hammer Throw
7. Spela Hus, 50.55m (165-10.00)

Javelin
5. Chari Hawkins, 35.72m (117-02.00)
6. Jen Schiess, 34.48m (113-01.00)

Shot Put
5. Spela Hus, 14.64m (48-00.50)

MEN

100m
4. Armahd Lewis, 10.63

200m
2. Jeff Alley, 21.46;
8. Armahd Lewis, 21.88
9. Tanner Hunt, 21.99
25. Jon Goble, 24.04

400m
4. Tanner Hunt, 48.40
6. James Allred, 48.82
17. Philip Noble, 50.76

800m
1. Jason Holt, 1:52.74
3. Eric Larson, 1:53.76
5. Mercer Owen, 1:54.52
13. Tyler Killpack, 1:56.82
14. Hunter Nelson, 1:56.93

1500m
1. Eric Larson, 3:51.84
2. Hunter Nelson, 3:52.97
7. Jason Holt, 4:00.38
18. Devin Lang, 4:06.84
20. James Allred, 4:10.93
22. Mercer Owen, 4:11.80

5000m
2. Brian McKenna, 14:43.12

3000sc
1. Daniel Howell, 9:16.51
2. Steven Atkinson, 9:28.38
3. Aaron Clements, 9:28.57

110m hurdle
3. Jake Peterson, 15.30;
6. Philip Noble, 15.56

400m hurdle
2. Jake Peterson, 56.32

Pole Vault
2. John Johnson, 4.92m (16-01.75)
T-5. Max Hansen, 4.17m (13-08.25)

Triple Jump
8. Kenny Hamlett, 12.95m (42-06.00)

High Jump
1. Clint Silcock, 2.11m (6-11.00)
6. Eric Follett, 1.96m (6-05.00)

Long Jump
7. Damian Szade, 6.80m (22-03.75)
12. Kenny Hamlett, 6.16m (20-02.50)

Shot Put
1. Joe Canavan, 17.59m (57-08.50)

Hammer Throw
5. Spencer Hall, 51.42m (168-08.00)
8. Joe Canavan, 47.26m (155-01.00)

Discus
4. Spencer Hall, 48.50m (159-01.00)

Javelin
8. Jon Goble, 49.95m (163-10.00)
9. Philip Noble, 44.54m (146-01.00)
10. John Johnson, 43.02m (141-02.00)




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Lowry’s triple-double leads Rockets over Jazz, 110-108

HOUSTON (AP) – Kyle Lowry was looking forward to a good night’s sleep after the best game of his career and a draining week for the Houston Rockets.

Lowry had 28 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists for Houston’s first triple-double of the season, and the first of his career, and the Rockets moved past Utah in the Western Conference standings with a 110-108 victory over the Jazz on Sunday night.

Lowry set a career high in rebounds, and helped the Rockets inch closer to playoff contention in the Western Conference. Houston is now ninth in the Western Conference, a half-game ahead of the Jazz and Phoenix and one and a half games behind Memphis for the eighth and final playoff spot in the West.

“The intensity of that game was very competitive,” Lowry said. “No one wanted to give in.”

Houston has won four home games in the last seven days, and Rockets coach Rick Adelman is giving his team an off day on Monday.

“I can’t wait,” Lowry said. “I might sleep til 9:30 a.m. Every game has been tough for us – playing, practicing, playing, practicing. It gets to you after a little while, but it’s been a good stretch for us.”

Kevin Martin went 18 for 18 from the free throw line and scored 34 points, and rookie Patrick Patterson had 14 points and a career-high 13 rebounds for the Rockets.

Chase Budinger left in

the second quarter with a sprained left ankle, and was wearing a walking boot after the game. Adelman said that could mean more playing time for Courtney Lee.

Paul Millsap, back after missing five games with left knee tendinitis, scored 35 points, and Al Jefferson had 17 points and 19 rebounds for Utah.

The Jazz have dropped seven of their last nine road games, but have another chance to gain ground in the West standings on Monday, when they face Memphis.

Millsap and Jefferson scored seven points apiece in the third quarter to help the Jazz rally from an early 12-point deficit to trail only 77-75.

Houston held the Jazz without a field goal for more than seven minutes in the fourth quarter, but Millsap’s follow of his own miss with 4:43 left cut the Rockets’ lead to 89-85.

“We made a lot of mistakes, and still had a chance to win,” Jefferson said. “A lot of little mistakes cost us in the end.”

The Rockets clung to the lead, and Lowry’s spinning layup with 2:09 left made it 97-90. He was fouled on the play and converted the three-point play.

Lowry went 7 for 8 from the free throw line and 9 for 14 from the field, including three 3-pointers. The 6-foot point guard has scored in double figures in 12 straight games, and delivered at least eight assists in 21 this season.

“Kyle has been the guy

that we’ve leaned on,” Adelman said. “He’s been our playmaker. He’s just been terrific.”

The Jazz pulled within three in the final minute, but Martin went 4 for 4 from the free throw line in the last 25 seconds to preserve Houston’s lead.

Devin Harris swished a straightaway 3-pointer with 9 seconds to go. Lowry then tacked on two more free throws with 7 seconds left to finally put it out of reach.

“It was a good, intense game,” said Andrei Kirilenko, who scored 10 for Utah. “Houston was just more successful at the end.”

The Rockets finished the first quarter with a 15-4 spurt to build a 30-19 lead.

Lowry started the run with a jumper from the wing and a 3-pointer from the corner. He stole the ball from Harris and found Martin in the corner for another 3-pointer.

Goran Dragic and Martin sank back-to-back 3-pointers late in the second quarter, and Houston led 46-34. The Rockets hit seven of their first 12 3-point attempts.

Kirilenko swished a 3-pointer and Millsap scored inside to help Utah close the gap just before halftime. Lowry sank his third 3 of the half in the last minute, and Houston led 55-47 at the break.

Houston led 63-55 in the third quarter, when Harris started a 10-2 Utah spurt with a 3-pointer. Millsap’s three-point play tied it at 65-all.



HOUSTON ROCKETS GUARD KYLE LOWRY slashes to the basket for two of his 28 points in Sunday’s 110-108 win over the Utah Jazz. Lowry also notched 11 rebounds and 10 assists to give him his first career triple-double. AP photo

Softball struggles on the road against pair of Oregon schools

By MITCH FIGGAT
staff writer

Spring rain, wild pitching and errors plagued the first day of play this weekend for the Utah State softball team against Oregon State University. During Saturday’s doubleheader against the Beavers, USU would suffer a 9-0 loss. The Beavers scored all nine of the team’s runs off of just four hits.

Oregon State’s starting pitcher Marina Denmore kept the Aggies off the bases throughout the first two innings, allowing only freshman Kristina Bava as the first baserunner for USU, reaching base on a fielding error by Denmore. The Beavers would start marking up runs in the second inning without even one hit when sophomore Aggie pitcher Mandy Harmon walked one and allowed her to advance to second on a ground out. Harmon then hit Mary Brenner with a pitch to put runners on first and second. Two more errors and a wild pitch would allow the Beavers to plate two of the four runners by the end of the inning while still hitless as a team.

USU junior Tatem Day was able to get the first hit for her team in the third inning but

OSU’s Denmore was able to keep her stranded on-base, allowing no hits for the rest of the inning.

Oregon State would plate seven more in the bottom of the third inning after hitting Nikki Chandler with a pitch, allowing a hit to Lea Cavestany and walking Paige Hall, Chandler and Cavestany reached home on a double by Erin Guzy. A base-clearing double and another single would run the score up to 9-0 for the Beavers. Junior Dani Chaplin would replace Harmon as pitcher for USU for the rest of the game.

In their second game against Oregon State, the Aggies were first to strike in the second inning. Junior Ashely Ventura would single to first and then move to advance to second base when an OSU pitch hit Aggie senior Kelley Kaneshiro. Freshman Annie Thomas would pinch run for Ventura as senior Joreigh Landers would bring both Thomas and Kaneshiro into scoring position with a sacrifice bunt. Day would bring Thomas home, giving USU a 1-0 advantage early in the game.

In the third inning USU’s Kassy Uchida reached second with two outs in the inning. OSU starting pitcher Tina Andreana would hit both Lindsey Marquez and Shasta Tyteca to load

the bases. Ventura was unable to get the clutch hit when popped out to second base, ending the top half of the third inning. The Beavers would take the lead in the fifth inning with run score on a play at the plate, giving the Beavers a 2-1 lead. OSU blew past USU with a grand slam and then added two more runs in the sixth inning to make the final score 8-1.

The next day the Aggies would travel the short distance to Eugene, Ore., to play the University of Oregon Ducks, who are ranked No.15 in the nation. In their first game, the Aggies had to face the powerful starting pitcher for the Ducks, Sam Skillingstad, who struck out five of first six Aggie batters she faced. The Aggies would pick them themselves back up to compete with two runs scored by Marquez and Day and a third by Uchida on an outfield error, making the score 4-3. Oregon would rally back, however, scoring two more runs in the fifth inning and five more in the sixth, ending the game with an 11-3 win for the Ducks.

“We hit an emotional fallout point during the second game, this was where either we learn from our mistakes or said ‘that is it’”, said USU head coach Carissa Millsap-Kalaba.

As Oregon put seven of their final nine runs

up in the second inning, Aggie starting pitcher Harmon buckled down and allowed only two more hits throughout the rest of the game.

“She got tougher and made them look stupid, it was great to see her come back,” Millsap-Kalaba said.

This week USU returns to action Tuesday, playing Weber State in Orem for a game that Millsap-Kalaba is carrying in high hopes.

“They are not bad but we should kill them,” Millsap-Kalaba said.

Afterwards they will be traveling to the islands to play against the University of Hawaii. The Warriors lost in even worse fashion to the University of Oregon this season.

Millsap-Kalaba said, “Hawaii should be surprised at the pace we’ll be able to keep against them.”

As for the Aggies’ main season forecast, Millsap-Kalaba said, “We have played these highly ranked teams and have learned a lot on how they play their games, we’ll bring that back to WAC conference game play and show the WAC what the Aggie softball team really is, not what they think we are.”

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Duke holds on for Coach K’s 900th win in thriller over Michigan

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) – Duke is no stranger to this situation: Facing an underdog with uncanny touch from 3-point range, one that’s racing downcourt in the closing seconds, scrambling for one last shot at some NCAA tournament magic.

This time, it was Michigan’s turn to miss.

Nolan Smith scored 24 points and the top-seeded Blue Devils held their breath as the Wolverines’ last shot clanged off the iron, sealing a 73-71 win Sunday that marked the 900th victory of coach Mike Krzyzewski’s Hall of Fame career.

“The 900, it means that we’re advancing,” Krzyzewski said. “That’s the main thing.”

Kyle Singler added 13 points for the Blue Devils (32-4), who shot 51 percent, never trailed in the second half and advanced to the round of 16 for the 12th time in 14 years. Next stop: Anaheim, Calif., for the West regional semifinals against fifth-seeded Arizona on Thursday night.

Parts of this game felt awfully familiar for Duke, which capped its run to the national championship last year with a dramatic two-point victory over Butler that wasn’t settled until Gordon Hayward’s halfcourt heave ricocheted off the glass and the iron at the buzzer.

“We told our kids it would be like playing Butler in the national championship – a very similar, tough-minded, really, really good basketball team,” Krzyzewski said. “I’m proud of our effort and obvious ecstatic that we’re moving on.”

One key difference: The eighth-seeded Wolverines (21-14) gave themselves a much cleaner look on their final shot.

Michigan, which trailed by 15 with 10:51 to play, clawed within one point twice in the final 90 seconds before Smith missed a free throw with 8.7 seconds left to give the Wolverines one last chance.

Darius Morris zipped downcourt and put up a runner in the lane with 2 seconds left, but the shot bounced off the back iron and the rebound went to Smith at the buzzer.

Morris finished with 16 points to lead Michigan, which made seven 3-pointers – the most allowed by Duke in a month.

Kyrie Irving and Ryan Kelly scored 11 points apiece for the Blue Devils, who won their eighth straight game in the NCAA tournament.

“I don’t want to take this Duke jersey off. As simple as that,” Smith said. “Every game could be my last.”

Krzyzewski improved to 900-283 in his 36th season and can catch his mentor and college coach for first on the career list next weekend. He would match Bob Knight with a victory in the regional final, and would pass him with one win in Houston that also would put the reigning national champions back in the title game.

“There will be a lot of guys who will win 900 games eventually, but to be the first two and for it to be a coach and his player to do it, it’s something very unique,” Krzyzewski said.

Still, Michigan nearly made Coach K wait until next year – or at least work overtime – to try for No. 900.

Coach John Beilein frustrated Duke by mixing his defenses, and Tim Hardaway Jr. reeled off seven consecutive points down the stretch, capped by a 3-pointer that made it 70-69 with 1:27 remaining.

“That’s all we needed to do was make a shot,” Beilein said “This has been (a) pretty common thread with us this year, that we’ve been able to get back because we play pretty sound defense and we can hit a couple 3s back to back and change a game.”

Duke milked the clock before Irving’s banked-in jumper with 32 seconds left, but Morris followed that with a layup that cut it to 72-71 with 10 seconds to go.

The Wolverines fouled Smith with 8.7 seconds left, and he made his first attempt but missed the second. Zack Novak got the rebound and got it to Morris, who headed straight for the lane and put up Michigan’s last shot. After the horn sounded, Morris lay face-down on the floor and repeatedly slapped the court with his

palm in frustration.

“Darius got a great shot off, (a) shot he hits a lot in practice,” teammate Stu Douglass said. “When it was in the air, I thought it was going down.”

Hardaway scored 15 points, Evan Smotrycz had 13, Novak scored 12 and Jordan Morgan finished with 10 for the Wolverines, who don’t have a senior on the roster. They were denied their first trip to the round of 16 since 1994.

“It’s a group that never gave up the whole year,” Novak said of a team that came back from a 1-6 start to Big Ten play to finish “an inch away from the Sweet 16 (and) defeating the defending national champion.”

This was the first postseason meeting between the two big-name schools since the 1992 national championship game, won by Christian Laettner and the Blue Devils over the Wolverines and the Fab Five.

That became especially relevant in the wake of a recent ESPN documentary in which Jalen Rose said Duke “only recruited black players that were ‘Uncle Toms’” and former Blue Devils star Grant Hill criticized him for those comments. Krzyzewski spent much of this week downplaying that story line while repeatedly declining comment on that era, saying it had no bearing on the present-day team.

This time, the Blue Devils slogged through a largely uninspired afternoon and allowed the scrappy Wolverines to hang around.

And with 16:59 to play, Krzyzewski had seen enough.

After Smith missed a layup and the rebound went out of bounds, Coach K called a timeout and could be seen zipping from side to side in the Duke huddle. At some point during the break, Krzyzewski took off his suit coat – a clear sign that he meant business – and coached the rest of the game without it.

“I just thought we needed more energy,” Krzyzewski said.

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Our View

Drowsy driving just as bad as drunk

We've seen our fair share of irresponsible college students nodding off on the road at 1 a.m. In fact, we sometimes wonder if certain drivers' eyes are open while cruising around campus in broad daylight.

Male drivers are the cause of twice as many drowsy driving accidents as females. One second he will be saying, "No, no, I'm fine. I'm not even that tired," and the next second your front end is barreling into oncoming traffic. The odds of survival don't look good.

The truth is that approximately 1,500 people died last year because someone on the road would not pull over to take a power nap. Be prepared. Take a pillow and blanket with you to toss in the backseat so that sleeping in your car won't sound so unappealing.

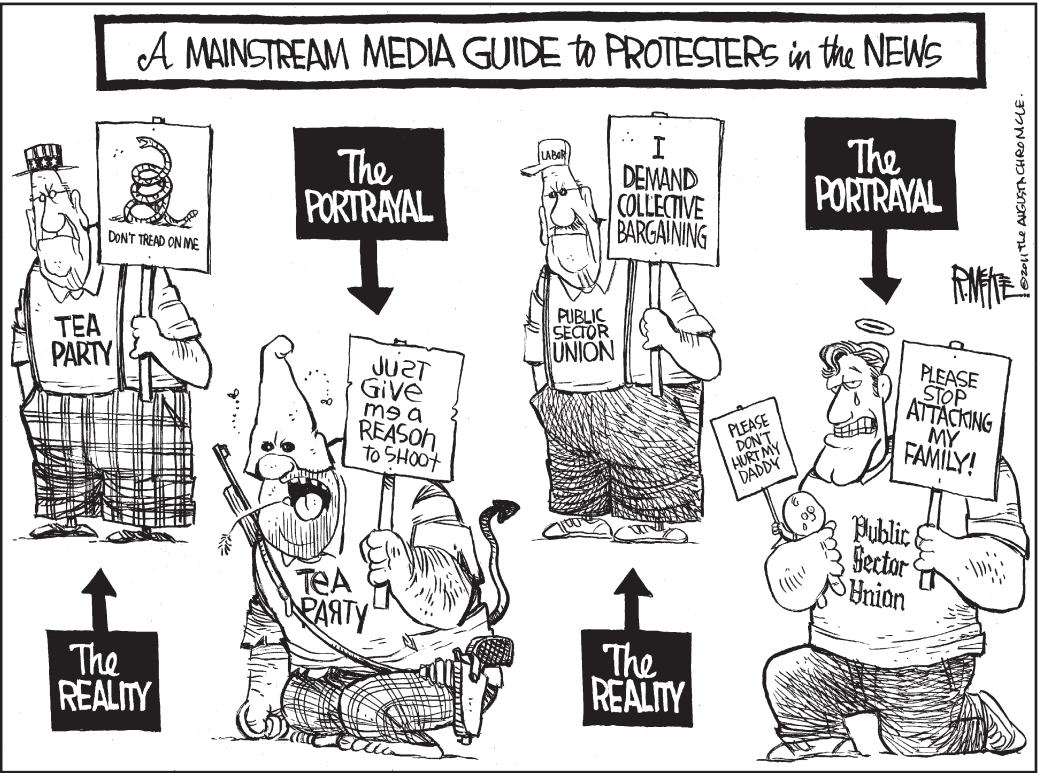
Utah drivers are their own breed of wacko, and seeing that Utah residents cannot drive regardless of the sleep deprivation, we would rather they didn't fall asleep on us as well.

In our effort to stay alive, here are some quick tips from us on how to refrain from napping while operating the deadly weapon that is your vehicle.

In a highly-concentrated LDS community, we know there are those who restrict caffeine-infused beverages from their diets, which we respect. However, those who need their Diet Coke fix every day are highly encouraged to cure their droopy eyes behind the wheel and "Do the Dew." Suck back a few bottles of high fructose corn syrup and other ghastly chemicals, and that may save you and your vehicle a lot of trouble and may even keep you out of a ditch.

If you are not willing to risk your health to stay awake behind the wheel, perhaps you should make sure to drive with a friend, or even better, your mom – preferably someone who has bad anxiety about driving at night or driving in general. They will keep you in check, and may even take over when you are having a hard time staying awake.

Our best suggestion is, of course, stay off the road. If you doubt that you will be able to keep your eyes open for even a second, please don't endanger humankind. Killing someone while driving does not comply with Charles Darwin's survival of the fittest, and you are not justified for your negligent actions.



A letter to President Obama

Dear President Obama,
I did not support you in the last election. I feared that by "change" you simply meant to accelerate the growth of government intrusion in our live, that you would further increase the independence individual Americans have on the government and work to undermine our liberty. With few exceptions, these fears have been justified.

I did have hope when you were elected, however, that you would redirect American foreign policy. President Bush did little to improve our image in the world or increase peaceful international cooperation. You are a provocative speaker and as a senator were a strong opponent of Bush-style foreign policy. I hoped that as president you would reverse the frightening trend of increased intervention. You would show the world that America is a willing member of a peaceful international community.
Your announcement Friday



Major Concerns

CHARLES MAJOR

that the United States would be part of a military effort against the Libyan government, particularly Colonel Moammar Gadhafi, has shown that I was wrong even in my small hope. I remember the speech you gave before the United States entered Iraq, and you were but a state senator in Illinois. You did not deny that Saddam Hussein was a problem.

You said, "He is a brutal man. A ruthless man. A man who butchers his own people to secure his own power ... He's a bad guy. The world, and the Iraqi people, would be better off without him." Despite this, you opposed an American military expedition in Iraq. Let me recall

the reason for you.

You followed, "But I also know that Saddam poses no imminent and direct threat to the United States, or to his neighbors, that the Iraqi economy is in shambles, that the Iraqi military a fraction of its former strength, and that in concert with the international community he can be contained until, in the way of all petty dictators, he falls away into the dustbin of history ... I am not opposed to all wars. I'm opposed to dumb wars."

I wanted to hope, so I carefully looked at your rationale for military action in Libya. Perhaps it would be a smart war. On Friday, you said, "Left unchecked, we have every reason to believe that Gadhafi would commit atrocities against his people. Many thousands could die. A humanitarian crisis would ensue. The entire region could be destabilized, endangering many of our allies and partners. The calls of the Libyan people for help would go unanswered. The democratic values that we stand for would be overrun."

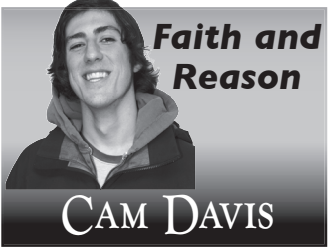
Mr. President, I am hon-

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Recent tragedies raise question of why bad things happen

The earthquake that recently devastated Japan and other locations in the Pacific is one in a long string of tragedies having occurred throughout human history. Such times of sorrow often lead us to reflection. Such events have lead believers in a deity to question why such events occur. Some look for meaning in even the most tragic of circumstances, while others argue that sometimes there just is no silver lining. If one believes in a god both good and all-powerful in character a problem seems to arise in the wake of such circumstances. This problem has been famously referred to as the problem of pain or evil.

The first answer to the problem of evil that comes to mind is the classic character-building approach. Most of us have encountered a version of this idea, which states the negative events we



Faith and Reason

CAM DAVIS

encounter in life exist to make us stronger and more resilient to later hardships. The famous saying "What doesn't kill you makes you stronger" has arisen along these lines of thinking, and there is no doubt some truth to this saying and this theory as a whole. But, do all negative events truly have potential to build our character and make us stronger? The answer to this is likely no. For example, what does a man gain from losing everyone he loved to genocide or disaster other than inexplicable sorrow? What benefit do victims of abuse and rape receive from their sufferings?

Another of the answers to the problem of evil that comes to mind is the "it will all be worth it" theory, which essentially states that even the most painful life ever experienced in this finite realm will seem like no more than a stubbed toe in relation to the heavenly glory that awaits us in the hereafter. While this theory might be found comforting by some, it still leaves one wondering why such tragedy is allowed during mortal existence and what its purpose may be.

After centuries of speculation by the even the brightest minds humanity has ever produced, a

truly satisfying answer to the problem of pain remains undiscovered. If God is truly good and omnipotent (all powerful), why do such horrible atrocities occur?

Perhaps the answer can be found in free will. God, in his perfection, bestowed his creation with freedom to direct itself, and is so committed to maintaining this freedom that, even when the choices of an individual result in the suffering of millions, he abstains from restricting individual freedom. This response has two apparent issues. First, it is hard for me to believe free will is so important to God's will that the choices of an individual must always be permitted, even when it means the pain and suffering of many more individuals. Second, it does not answer the problems lying outside human choice, such as the earthquake in Japan cited earlier, along with a variety of other natural disasters.

Perhaps our God is most accurately described by deists. God came and created this universe in which we live, and like a deadbeat dad, didn't care

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Hands off the oil reserve

Whenever gasoline prices spike, it's a pretty good bet that politicians are going to propose tapping the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. This time around, the talk started with Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, who last week urged President Obama to consider selling oil from the reserve as a way to stabilize prices. Then on Sunday, White House chief of staff William Daley said on NBC's "Meet the Press" that the Obama administration is "considering" dipping into the reserve.

We hope this idea doesn't get past the talking stages. There is no compelling reason for the United States to draw upon its emergency oil supplies.

The reserve was created in response to the 1973 Arab oil embargo, as a hedge against serious disruptions in the oil market. In recent years, it has been tapped in the wake of hurricanes that damaged U.S. production, such as Gustav and Ike in 2008 and Katrina in 2005. What's affecting the market now is a sort of man-

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made hurricane: a rebellion in Libya that has cut off a key source of European oil. Yet it's a mistake to think that this is the only reason prices are rising.

It was wholly predictable that as the world economy started to recover, gasoline prices would go up. Developing countries such as India and China are emerging from the slowdown quickly, and demand for automobiles there is soaring – General Motors now sells more cars in China than it does in the United States. The spike caused by the Libyan turmoil will probably be temporary, but gas prices will stay on an upward trajectory regardless. That's why it's critical for Americans to focus on efficiency and alternative energy sources.

But that's a long-term solution. Wouldn't tapping the reserve bring down the high gas prices that are hurting the recovery in the short term? Possibly, but not likely. There

is no shortage of oil in the United States. In fact, the country's crude stockpile in the most current week was 1.4 percent higher than at the same time last year, according to the Department of Energy. This suggests that an influx of new supply from the reserve isn't particularly needed and probably wouldn't have much of an impact on oil prices. And a sale would harm the nation's capacity to deal with a more serious emergency down the road, one that actually does put a crimp in supplies.

The reserve holds 727 million barrels, enough to meet demand for about two months. That's already too little time for comfort – in 2005, Congress wisely ordered an expansion of the reserve to 1 billion barrels – and a significant sale would reduce it further.

There may come a time when turmoil in the Middle East leads to a crisis that would justify tapping the reserve. But that time hasn't yet arrived.

This editorial appeared in the Los Angeles Times on Tuesday, March 8.



Libya: America in new 'dumb war'

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estly confused. What am I to make of your statements? Gadhafi is certainly brutal, ruthless, and "a bad guy" – just as you described Saddam Hussein. However, the concerns you have for what Gadhafi might do, if left unchecked, is a situation that Saddam Hussein had already proven he was more than willing to cause.

After Hussein's death, the New York Times said he "murdered as many as a million of his people, many with poison gas. He tortured, maimed and imprisoned countless more. His unprovoked invasion of Iran is estimated to have left another million people dead. His seizure of Kuwait threw the Middle East into crisis. More insidious, arguably, was the psychological damage he inflicted on his own land."

How did you oppose using military force against such a man, when you now favor force against one in whom you only see the potential for such things? As our elected Commander-in-Chief, you have the duty to justify yourself. I do not think that changing one's mind is spineless flip-flopping. There can be very good reasons to do so. I call on you to tell us why you have so severely changed your mind. Why, when the American people elected you to be a significant change from President Bush, we got only a repackaged version with nicer

speech patterns.

American military intervention in Libya constitutes a "dumb war." There are no circumstances under which American forces now belong in Libya. We cannot afford another war. Congress has been trying to figure out ways to reduce our budget so that we are not overwhelmed with debt. They have been bickering over whether to cut funding to NPR. To fully cut such funding would save the federal government \$5 million a year. On Saturday alone, tomahawk missiles launched by the United States and United Kingdom cost over \$56 million.

Whether or not it is a war to be fought, it is not our war. Europe has the resources and the interests. Ten percent of European oil comes from Libya. Europe is every bit as interested in having a free, prosperous and secure Libya as the United States. And they are in a position to see it happen.

Libya is not our war. To spend American resources to put more of our forces at risk is dumb.

Sincerely,

Charles Major, a graduate student studying business who can be reached at charlesmajor@gmail.com.

Pain: Theories of God are varied

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to stick around. Maybe God isn't as loving as we think God is. His view of humanity might be similar to humanity's view of lesser creatures like ants which are carelessly exterminated and destroyed. Maybe God cares a great deal about humanity, but lacks omnipotence, and thus is unable to intervene whether he wills it or not. These speculative gods are undoubtedly less appealing than an all-loving god whose power knows no bounds, but would act as a response to the problem of evil.

In the end, my speculations remain those of a human with limited knowledge, and such speculation may very well be futile in a world where even an ancient man named Job who spoke with God couldn't get a straight answer. Regardless of their purposes, suffering and

evil remain a reality in the world we occupy. However, we as individuals can do our part to reduce the proportion of suffering and evil caused by human action, and I encourage all of us to consciously make an effort to do so.

As always, I would love to hear thoughts on the matter other than my own. Perhaps one of you has come across more compelling responses to the problem of evil and pain than those I have encountered.

My thoughts and prayers go out to the victims and families of the victims of the recent earthquake in Japan.

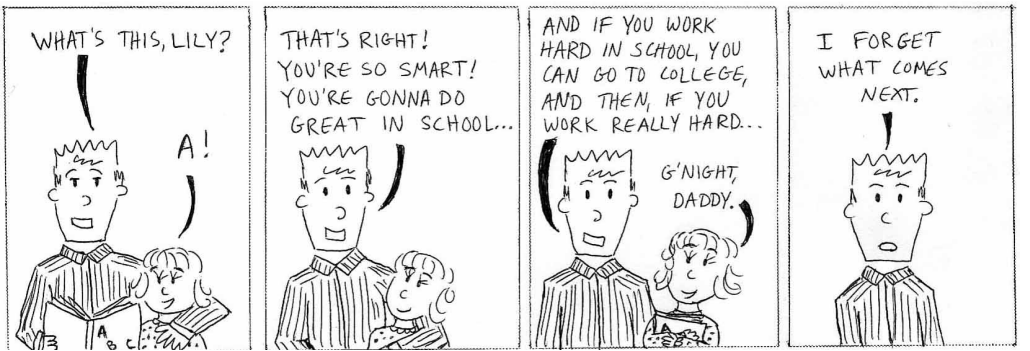
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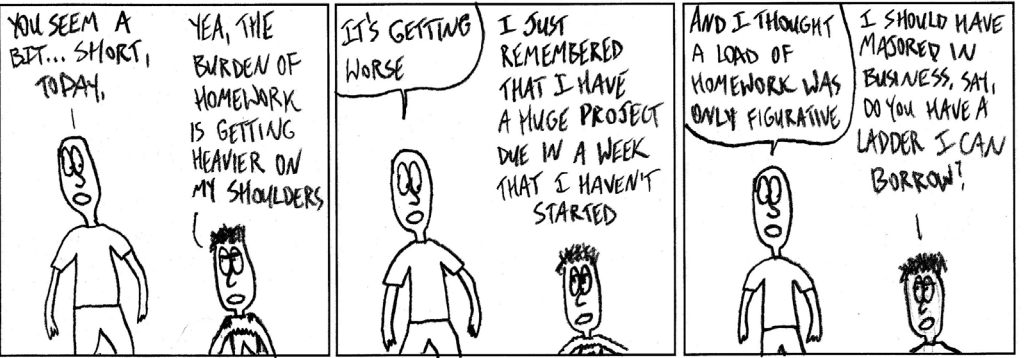
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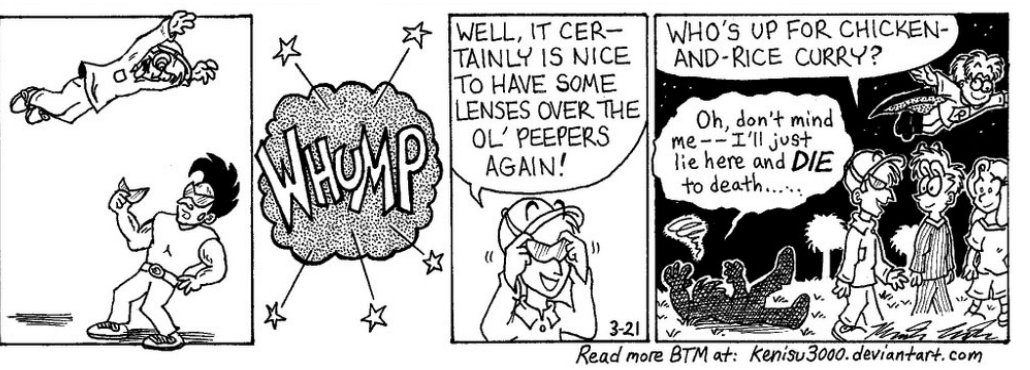
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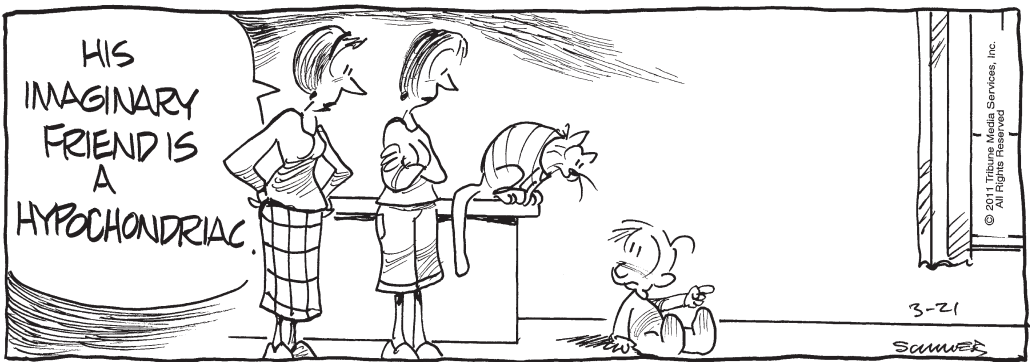
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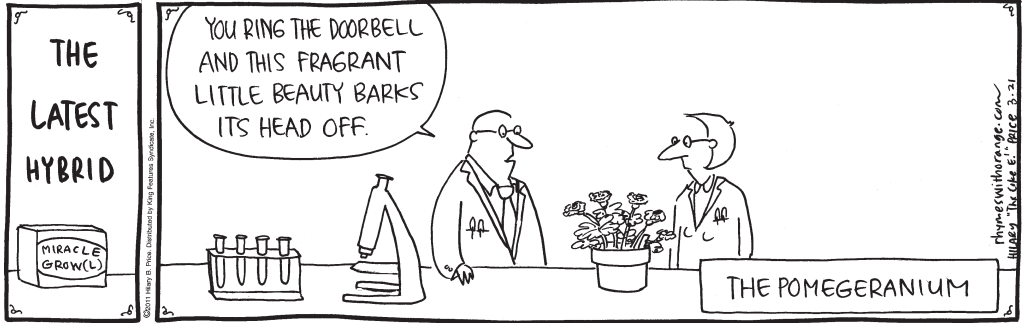
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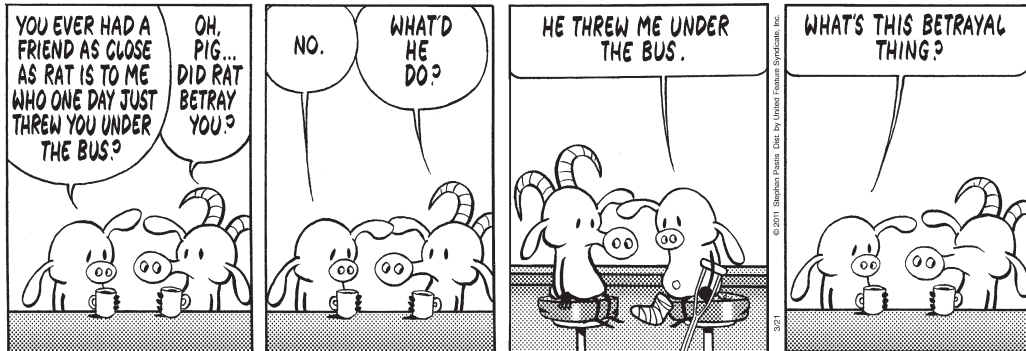
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ACROSS

1 Press
6 Press
11 Press
16 Hamis or Robbins
17 Immature insect
18 — than-
20 Dressed down
21 Stage
22 Displayed
24 TV's "The — Patrol"
25 Rock's — & the Juniors
27 Triangular sail
29 — later
30 Gung-ho
32 Cassowary
33 Muff
34 Starting at
35 Salami city
37 Bouillabaisse or burgoo
40 "An apple
42 Deck type
43 Reel
45 Reel
47 "Don't Be —" ('56 hit)
51 Have in mind
52 Sound

55 Sound
56 Sound
59 Nobelist
60 Dundee
62 TV's "— Incredible!"
64 Trickle
66 Sticky
67 Tint
68 Broad st.
69 Fairy queen
70 Creative
72 Terra —
74 "What — boy am I!"
76 Lowdown
77 Pop
79 Pop
81 Pop
83 Charged
84 Musical movement
86 Sheep's shaker
87 Bar
89 Bar
91 Bar
94 Move
95 Hammer
96 Camp
98 Chou — ("56 hit)
100 Artist
101 Pres. candidate

of 1952
102 Wee one
104 TV's "The — Show"
105 Parker of football
106 Vintner
109 — blade
110 Compass
112 "Vostok I" passenger
114 Update a nest and burrow
116 Lamb, e.g.
119 Indian
120 Boxer
122 Bear
123 Bear
124 Bear

DOWN

1 Arroyo or Hingis
2 History division
3 Secret —
4 — France
5 Cartoonist
6 Panache
7 Cole or Coleman
8 Weimaraner's warning
9 Ellipse
10 Out-of-this-world org.

11 Joyful
12 Fido's friend
13 Goller
14 Dutra
15 Yvonne of "The Munters"
16 Flung
19 Update a factory
20 Improve oneself, in a way
23 Clammy
26 Tavern
28 Glum drop?
31 Contribute
34 Covers
36 Bill of Rights
38 Catchall
39 City
40 "Secret —"
41 "Singin' in the Rain"
42 Autumn birthstone
43 Greek vowels
46 Computer
47 Vast quantities
49 Nero

Wolfe's hobby
51 Apportion
52 Take the honey and
53 — City, IA
54 —
56 "Sixteen" ('60 song)
57 Destruction
58 It makes
59 Freud topic
61 Pro —
63 Crone
65 "Nova"
66 Singer
67 Tarzan, for one
68 "Weak" ('88 hit)
69 Put the spearan
70 Put the metal
71 Tap
72 Baptism
73 Descend-
74 Calculating
75 Olive —
76 Fill in
78 Plunder
80 "Ask —"
81 "Tiberius"
82 Annoy
84 Actress
85 Granada
87 North Pole
88 Bouquet
89 — majesty

90 Football
92 —
93 Watched
94 "Trains" ('66 film)
95 Kirtie
96 Alley's birthplace
97 Kind of curtain
98 Kind of
99 Wrote
100 Wrote
101 "Priest or rabbi"
102 "Weak" ('88 hit)
103 Shake-
104 Pyramid, for one
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106 Celtic
107 New York stadium site
108 Pyramid, for one
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Statesman Back Burner



Today is Monday, March 21, 2011. Today's issue of The Utah Statesman is published especially for Darrell Rawlins, a senior majoring in entrepreneurship from Smithfield, Utah.

Almanac

Today in History: In 1963, Alcatraz Prison in San Francisco Bay closes. At it's peak period of use in 1950s, "The Rock," housed over 200 inmates at the maximum-security facility. Alcatraz remains an icon of American prisons for its harsh conditions and record for being inescapable.

Weather

High: 46° Low: 34°
Skies: Rain and snow.



Monday March 21

- Book Drive, TSC South Door or Business Building
- Current Works, Chase Fine Arts
- Emotion Regulation Workshop, TSC 310 B, 9:30 a.m.
- Japan Fundraiser, Library, 10 a.m.
- Biology Dept. Research Seminar, Library 101, 2 p.m.
- Employee Fitness Club, Wellness Center, 5:15

Tuesday March 22

- Joy of Depression Workshop, TSC, 11 a.m.
- Men's Tennis vs. Weber State, 12 p.m.
- Biology Dept. Research Seminar, Library 101, 2 p.m.
- Lecture by Susan Madsen, TSC Auditorium, 3:30
- Religious Studies Dinner, Bldg A of LLC, 5 p.m.
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, BUS, 5 p.m.
- CIL Short Course, ESLC Auditorium, 5:30 p.m.
- Calmus from Leipzig Germany, Performance Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday March 23

- Principle-Centered Leadership Seminar, Eccles Conf. Center, 8:30 a.m.
- Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness, TSC, 10 a.m.
- Meditation Club, TSC, 1:30 p.m.
- Biology Dept. Research Seminar, Library 101, 2 p.m.
- Sadhill Crane Lecture, Swaner EcoCenter, 6 p.m.
- Jazz Combo Concert, Performance Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Registrar dates

The Registrar's Office would like to remind everyone that March 19 - April 4 drops require late drop form (WF on Transcript).

Women in Utah

Dr. Susan Madsen of Utah Valley University will present her research, "Women and Education in Utah." The event is free and open to all. TSC Auditorium 3:30 - 5 p.m. on Mar. 22.

Fitness club

Employee Fitness Club starts March 21, 5:15 pm, in the Employee Wellness Center. Boot Camp starts March 22 at Noon. Call 797-0735 for details.

Spaghetti dinner

Religious Studies Dept is hosting a FREE Spaghetti Dinner for Majors, Minors, or, anyone interested in the Program on March 22 at 5 p.m. in Bldg A of the LLC. There will be dinner and a short program.

Applications due

The MFTSA and their sponsors will provide a family night out for two deserving families who are identified by application. We are looking for families who are in need or who have displayed exceptional community service. This may include military service families. Nominate a deserving family using the application available at mftsa.webs.com. Applications due March 21 by noon.

SEED car wash

There will be a \$4 car wash to support the SEED Foundation. The car wash will on the next 2 Saturdays. Located at Wilson Motor 1150 N. Main. Come and support SEED!

You need to know....

The **Elevator Pitch** competition allows students the opportunity to present their business plans and win \$13,500 in cash prizes. Executive summaries are due by midnight of March 28 to usu.iec@gmail.com. After submission, students are automatically registered for competition participation.

I cubed competition: entrants must submit a three-minute or shorter **video** to the USU IEC facebook page by Monday, March 21st at midnight. The entrant with the most "likes" will win an ipad.

Utah leads the nation in **prescription drug abuse**, and in 2007, unintentional prescription drug overdose was the number one cause of accidental deaths in the state. Visit booths in the TSC basement Mar. 23, and the Merrill-Cazier Library entry Mar. 23-24 for more information. Expired, unused, and unwanted drugs can be dropped off at the new disposal site located in the Campus Police Department (850 East 1250 North).

The following are **upcoming events** held at the Performance Hall: Acclaimed vocal ensemble, Calmus, from Leipzig, Germany March 22 at 7:30 p.m. Jazz Combo Concert on March 23. Brazilian composers from the Bossa Nova movement perform at on March 25. Caine Chamber Ensembles Concert on March 28 at 7:30 p.m. Cypress String Quartet on March 31 at 7:30 p.m.

Leading scholars of education reform will debate the state of the **American higher education** system in a three-part discussion series on March 24, 31, and April 7, at the Library. The events feature a guest talk by Pulitzer-Prize winning author and New Yorker columnist Louis Menand.

Former English faculty member and poet Maria Melendez will give two **readings** on Thursday, March 24. The first will take place at noon in the library, room 101. Ms. Melendez will also read her work at Helicon West (7 p.m., True Aggie Cafe 117 N. Main).

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